POPERY:

OR, THE

Principles & Positions

Approved by the

CHURCH

OF

ROME

(When Really Believ'd and Practis'd)

Are very Dangerous to all; and to *Protestant Kings* and *Supreme Powers*, more especially Pernicious:

And Inconsistent with *that Loyalty*, which (by the Law of *NATURE* and *SCRIPTURE*) is Indispensably due to SUPREME POWERS.

In a LETTER to a Person of Honor;

By *T.* Ld Bishop of *LINCOLN.*

Rev. 18. 4. Jer. 15. 6.

Come out of her my people, least ye be partakers of her Sins and Plagues.

In the *SAVOY:*

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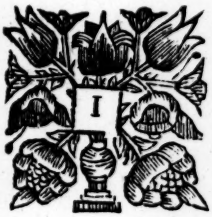
FOR MY

Honored Friend

L. N. P.

SIR,



Received and read your Letter, and this comes to (bring my humble Service, and) tell you ſo. In your Letter you tell me, *Firſt*, Of an Inhumane and Bloody Deſign and Popiſh Plot, a Traiterous and Roman-Catholick Conſpiracy (as you call it) againſt the Sacred Perſon and Life of our Gracious KING, (whom GOD preſerve) and many more (by them) deſign'd for Ruine, and for the Subverſion of the true Religion Eſtabliſh'd by Law, and introducing Papal Tyranny, Superſtition and Idolatry. A Deſign not only Unchriſtian, but Inhumane and Barbarous; beyond all examples of Turkiſh or Pagan Cruelty; nor has it (in any

ſtory) any parallel Impiety; unleſs perhaps, that Bloody (*a*) *French Maſſacre*, or the *Gun-powder-Treaſon*; all contriv'd and carry'd on, by Men of the ſame deſperate Principles, and (though with the blood and ruine of many thouſand innocent perſons) to advance the Papal Intereſt. *Secondly*, You ſay, That the Popiſh Party decry this Impious Conſpiracy, as a State-Trick (without truth or reallity) to make Catholicks (as they commonly miſcall themſelves) odious to the People, and this whole Nation. This I believe (and know) they do. As their Plots and Conſpiracies, ſo their Impudence to deny or leſſen them, (when diſcover'd) is monſtrous, and (were not their Perſons and Principles known) incredible. So they did, (where, and when they durſt) and ſtill do (*b*) call the *Gun-powder-Treaſon*, A State-Deſign, to make them (though they were innocent) ſeem guilty, and Criminals. *Thirdly*, Laſtly, you ſay, that ſeveral Papiſts tell you, (in excuſe of Popery, and their Party) That if indeed there be ſuch a Plot and Conſpiracy, (as is pretended) yet it is the only fault of thoſe perſons concern'd in it, not of Popery, or their Religion; the Principles and Doctrine of their Church, giving no ground or incouragement to ſuch impious and Anti-Monarchical practices. This I believe too; becauſe I find them making the ſame Apology for themſelves, to take off the guilt of the *Gun-powder-Treaſon*. For (without all truth or modeſty) they tell us in Print; (*c*) *That the Gun-powder-Treaſon was* MORE THAN SUSPECTED, *to be the* CONTRIVANCE *of* Cecil, *the great Politician*,

(*a*) Nuptiæ Pariſinæ & Laniena Proteſtantium in Gallia, Anno 1572. Vide Thuanum, ad dictum Annum.

(*b*) In an Almanack commonly ſold, ſince His Majeſties Happy Return; call'd, *Calendarium Catholicum*; the Gun-powder-Treaſon is call'd, *Cecil's Contrivance*. It was printed 1662.

(*c*) The aforeſaid Popiſh *Calendarium Catholicum*, or Catholick Almanack, at the end of it, about Holy-days ſet apart by Act of Parliament.

an; *TO RENDER CATHOLICKS ODIOUS*; *and that there were but VERY FEW of that Religion, (AND THOSE DESPERADOES TOO) detected of it*, &c. *All* (*d*) *ſober Catholicks deteſting that, and all ſuch Conſpiracies.*

Now theſe things premis'd, you deſire to know of me, whether I think theſe their Allegations and Apologies true; or if I think them untrue and inſignificant (as you may be ſure I do) that I would give you ſome reaſons why I do ſo. In obedience therefore to your command, and to ſatisfie that Obligation that lies upon me (ſo far as I am able) to Vindicate Truth, and my Mother the Church of *England*; (though I have little time, and few Books here (being abſent from my own) ſave what I borrow of friends) I ſhall endeavour to ſay ſomething, which may (I hope) be pertinent, towards the conviction of our Adverſaries, and your ſatisfaction. And here, I ſhall plainly ſet down,

I. The *Poſition* I undertake to make good.
II. The *Proofs* and Reaſons of it.

I. The *Poſition* is this ..... *The Doctrine and Principles of Popery, own'd by the Church of* Rome (*when believed and practiſed*) *are not onely dangerous, but pernicious to Kings, (eſpecially to thoſe who are Proteſtants) prejudicial to the juſt rights of Monarchy, and inconſiſtent with that Loyalty, which (by the Laws of Nature and Scripture) is due to them; and particularly to our Kings, by the eſtabliſh'd and known Laws of* England, *made antiently, even by Popiſh*

(*d*) And yet *Ribadaneira, Bzovius*, &c. reckon thoſe Gunpowder Traitors amongſt the eminent *Martyrs* for their Church and Religion; as you ſhall ſee anon. And Father *Parſons* calls *Garnet* (Executed for High Treaſon, and the Gunpowder Conſpiracy)..... *An Innocent Man, who ſuffer'd Unjuſtly; that he lived a SAINTS Life, and accompliſh'd the ſame with an HAPPY DEATH, dying in DEFENCE of JUSTICE.* In his Book againſt the Oath of Allegiance; call'd, *A Diſcuſſion of the Anſwer of Dr.* William Barlow, &c. p. 22, 23.

Kings and Parliaments, against Papal Usurpations, and Anti-Monarchical Practices. And here (because it is impossible distinctly to shew, how Popish Principles are dangerous to our Kings, and prejudicial to their Just Rights, and Royal Prerogative; unless we first know, what that Prerogative, and those Rights are) I shall inquire,

1. What the *Jura Coronæ*, the Rights and Prerogatives of the Imperial Crown of *England* are, as to our present concern.
2. How Popish Doctrines and Principles, may be dangerous, or pernicious to them.

1. For the *First*; That *England* is a *Monarchy*, the *Crown Imperial*, and our Kings *SUPREME* Governors, and *SOLE SUPREME* Governors of this Realm, and all other their Dominions, will (I believe, I am sure it should) be granted; seeing our Authentick Laws and Statutes do so expressly, and so often say it. In our Oath of Supremacy we Swear, that the King is, the *ONLY SUPREME Governor*. *SUPREME*, so none (not the Pope) above Him: and *ONLY SUPREME*; so none co-ordinate, or equal to Him. So that by our known Laws, our King is, *Solo Deo minor*, invested with *such a Supremacy*, as excludes both Pope and People (and all the World, God Almighty only excepted, by whom Kings Reign) from having any Power, Jurisdiction, or Authority over Him. For this

this *Soveraignty* and *Supremacy* belonging to our Kings, and the Imperial Crown of *England* is asserted, not only by the Statutes of (*e*) Q. *Elizabeth*, (*f*) King *James*, and (*g*) *Charles* the Second, (Protestant Princes) but even those Statutes made by Popish Princes and Parliaments, declare the same: I instance only in (*h*) *Richard* the Second, (*i*) *Henry* the Eighth, and (*k*) Q. *Mary*, (though all the Statutes of Provisors, were pertinent to this purpose.) That *Richard* the Second and His Parliament were Roman-Catholicks, is manifest; and it is as certain, That *Henry* the Eighth and His Parliaments (when the Statutes cited were made) were so too. For 'tis evident, that those Statutes were made *Anno.* 24. and *Anno.* 25. *Hen.* 8. that is, *Anno. Dom.* 1532. and 1533. when neither He, nor His Adherents, were Excommunicate, but actual Members of the Roman Church then, and for some years after. For though Pope *Paul* the Third was angry, and about it, *Anno.* 1535. yet he did not actually Excommunicate him or his Adherents, before the year (*l*) 1538. which was six years after *Henry* the Eighth, and His Popish Parliament had Vindicated the Rights of the Imperial Crown of *England*, against the irrational and unjust Pretences and Usurpations of the Pope; and declared, that the *Supremacy* (both in Ecclesiastical and Civil Things) ever did (*de Jure*) belong to the Imperial Crown of *England*, not to the Pope's Mitre: He having no more to do in *England*, (*Jure proprio*, or by any Law of God or Man) than *Henry* the Eighth in *Italy*. And that Parliament of Queen *Mary*, (cited in the Margent) although a Popish Parliament,

(*e*) Vid. Stat. 1. Eliz. cap. 1. 5. Eliz. cap. 1. & 13. Eliz. cap. 2.

(*f*) Vid. 1. Jac. cap. 7. & 3. Jac. cap. 4.

(*g*) Vid. 12. Car. 2. cap. 30. In the Preamble.

(*h*) Statut. 16. Rich. 2. cap. 5.

(*i*) Statut. 24. Hen. 8. cap. 12. & 25. Hen. 8. cap. 19. & 37. Hen. 8. cap. 17. & 26. Hen. 8. cap. 1.

(*k*) Parliamentum secundum 2. Mariæ, cap. 1.

(*l*) The *Bull* by which *Hen.* 8. was Excommunicate, was Dat. *Romæ* 16. Cal. *Januarii*, *Pauli Papæ* 3. *Anno* 5. Vid. *Bullarium Cherubini*, Tom. 1. pag. 704 Edit. *Lugduni.* 1655.

Parliament, yet declares fully for the Queen's Supremacy, (which, to some may seem strange) for that Act expresly says, 1. *That the IMPERIAL CROWN of this Realm, with all its Prerogatives, Jurisdictions, &c. was descended to the Queen.* 2. That she was the *SOVEREIGN and SUPREME* Governor of all Her Dominions, in *AS FULL, LARGE and AMPLE MANNER, AS ANY OF HER PROGENITORS*, (therefore in as ample a manner as Her Father *Henry* the Eighth.) 3. That *by the MOST ANCIENT LAWS of this Realm, the punishment of ALL OFFENDERS, against the Regality and Laws of this Realm, belong'd to the King*, &c. So that even a Popish Parliament acknowledges and declares, the Kings of *England* possess'd of such a Supremacy, over all Persons, and that by our MOST ANCIENT Laws, that He may punish ALL OFFENDERS (Clergy or Laity) against the Laws, and His Regality. (How contradictory to this, the *Trent* Council and the Doctrine of the Roman Church is, you shall see anon.) But for the Supremacy of the Kings of *England*, (according to our *Ancient and Later Laws*, I refer you to the (*m*) Learned in those Laws; who will give you a clear Declaration of this Supremacy, and a just Vindication of it, from those impertinent (and seditious) Objections brought against it by some, who, inslaved to *Rome*, have cast off Loyalty to their King, and Love to their Country.

(*m*) Vid. *Coke*'s Reports, Part. 5. de Jure Regis Ecclesiastico; and *Calvin*'s Case, 7. Report; Sir *John Davis* his Reports, in the Case of *Præmunire*, &c.

And lastly, As for the Supremacy of Kings, (so far as it concerns the Laws of God, (Natural or Positive) and Divines to determine it) I refer you to

to the *Answer of the* (n) *University of Oxon, to a Letter* of *Henry* the Eighth, requiring their Judgment in that Point: To the (o) *Articles of Edward the Sixth*; Of *Queen* (p) *Elizabeth*; The *Articles* (q) *of Ireland*; The (r) *Injunctions of Elizabeth*; The (s) *Canons of* 1. *Jacobi*; And the (t) *Canons* (*sub Carolo Martyre*) 1640. (besides the Writings of many particular Learned Men:) In which you may see the Judgement of the Church of *England*, concerning Supremacy, and the *Loyalty due to our King*, clearly and fully expres'd; and (in the late unhappy Rebellion) more truly profes'd and practic'd by Her Sons, than Papist, Presbyter, or Fanatique, (though some of them vainly brag of their Loyalty) can, with any just reason pretend to. If you desire further satisfaction and evidence, for the *Supremacy of Kings*, (particularly of our Kings, and the Roman Emperors) even in *Ecclesiastical Matters*; you know, and (at your leisure) may consult, the Collections of *our* (u) *Saxon*, and the (w) *Imperial* Laws; where you may have sufficient and abundant evidence, that (as to matter of Fact, never questioned in those days) those Emperours and Kings, made many Laws and Constitutions, in Ecclesiastical Matters, (which concern'd the Church) as well as Civil, (which concern'd the State.) And (if you desire it) I can shew you, an Original MS. (*agreed upon*, and *approved* by the Convocations of both Provinces, (*Canterbury* and *York*) and subscribed by both Archbishops, and several of each Province) wherein it is clearly shewn, (so far as Scripture, and other Records of those times mention

(n) Vid. Literas Acad. Oxon. Hen. 8. Dat. 27. Jul. 1534.

(o) Art. Ed. 6. 1552. Art. 36.
(p) Art. 5. Eliz. 1562. Art. 37.
(q) Articuli Hiberniæ, 1615. Sect. 57.
(r) Editæ 1559. in calce post Injunctionem, 53.
(s) Canones, 1603. Can. 1. 2.
(t) Can. 1640. Can. 1. &c.

(u) See our *Saxon* Laws by Mr. *Lambert*, *Spelman* Concil. Tom. 7. Whelogus, &c.
(w) Vid. Cod. Theodosianum, cum Doctiss. Gothofred. Notis, & Cod. & Novellas Constitut. Justiniani.

tion them) that Kings (from the beginning of the World, till our Blessed Saviours time) did, and *de Jure*, might exercise an Ecclesiastical, as well as Civil Jurisdiction and Supremacy; especially the Kings of the Jews, his own People; which Monarchy was of Gods own (and perticularly Divine) Institution. These things premis'd, I come now to shew you, (in the second place) how dangerous, and (when, and where they have power to put them in execution) how pernicious Popish Principles are, to the Persons of Kings, and their just Rights and Prerogatives. And here, I say,

1. That many of their *Popish Principles*, and generally approved and *received Doctrines*, are not only dangerous, but destructive to, and inconsistent with the just Soveraignty and Supremacy of Kings. Because they generally say, and (in a thousand Books writ to that purpose) industriously endeavor to prove it, That all Kings and Emperors, are so far from being Supreme, that they are Subject to the Pope, as to their Superior Lord, to whom they owe Service and Fidelity. That this may appear, consider,

1. *The Emperor*, (x) *when he comes into the Popes presence, as soon as ever he sees him, he must* (*His Hat off, and bare-headed*) *bow, till his Knee touch the ground, and worship the Pope*; *and coming nearer, must bow again*; *and when he comes to the Pope, he must bow a third time, and* DEVOUTLY *Kiss the Popes Foot.* The Emperor must WORSHIP the Pope, with the Incurvations, or bowings of Body, even to the ground; and then (bare-headed,

(x) *Cæsar, ut primùm Pontificem videt, illum* DETECTO CAPITE, *genu* TERRAM TANGENS VENERATUR: *& iterum cum appropinquet ad gradus sedis Papæ, genu flectit; ac demum cum ad Pontificis pedes pervenerit, illos* DEVOTE *osculatur:* Sacrarum Ceremon. Sanctæ Rom. Ecclesiæ, Lib. 1. Tit. 5. pag. 22. Col. 3. Edit. onis Rom. Anno 1560.

headed, and on his Knees) *DEVOUTLY* Kiss the Pope's Foot. Execrable and prodigious Pride! The Pope (without all truth or probability) vainly and ridiculously, only pretends to be Christ's Vicar, and so, (if it were true) is less than his Master; and yet our blessed Saviour never requir'd, nor had such Adorations, Incurvations, or Kisslings of his Toe, of any, much less of Kings or Emperors. Nor would any Man require such, but the (*y*) *Man of Sin*; who *exalts* himself (takes that greatness which God never gave him) *above all that is call'd God, or worshipped:* That is, above all *Kings* and *Emperors*. Well, but does not the Pope (in this Case) shew some respect and civility to the Emperor? Does he not uncover his head, or bow his body, *&c.* No; for the same Authentick Book, of the *SACRED Ceremonies*, of the *HOLY Roman* Church, tells us (*z*).... *That the Pope never gives any reverence, to any MORTAL whomsoever, either by rising up apparently, or by uncovering, or bowing his head. Onely* (sayes that Ceremonial) *when the Emperor has kiss'd the Foot of the Pope, sitting in his Chair, he riseth up, A VERY LITTLE to him; and so he does sometimes to GREAT PRINCES.* Whether this can stand with that Supremacy, which (by Divine Law, Natural and Positive) is due to Kings, to be so far subject, and slaves to the Pope; let Kings (who are most concern'd) and the World Judge. And it is to be consider'd, that the Book I cite for those passages concerning the Pope, is no *Apocryphal*, or *Non-licenc'd Pamphlet*, containing the inventions of some private person; but it contains the *SACRED Ceremonies* of

(*y*) 2 Thess. 2. Vers. 3, 4.

(*z*) *Pontifex Romanus NEMINI omnino mortalium, reverentiam facit, assurgendo manifestè, caput inclinando, aut detegendo. Romano autem Imperatori, postquam illum SEDENS ad osculum pedis susceptt. ALIQUANTULUM assurgit Magnis etiam Principibus. PRIVATIM adventantibus, cum NON EST in PONTIFICALIBUS, aliquantulum assurgit TANQUAM reverentiam faciens, &c.* dictus Liber Sacrar. Ceremon. Lib. 3. Pag. 113. Col. 2.

the *ROMAN CHURCH*, collected by *Marcellus ARCHBISHOP* of *Corcyra*, dedicated to *POPE LEO* the Tenth, printed at *ROME*, and highly *approved*, and (a) *commended* by their *eminent Writers*.

(a) *Liber VALDE PROBATUS*, sayes *Possevin*: In Apparatu sacro; in Christ. Marcello.

2. But this is not all; the poor Emperor must do (the Pope) his great Superior and Master, more service, and be his Groom, or (at best) *Gentleman* (b) *of his Horse*. He must hold the *Popes Stirrup* till he get on Horseback, and then lead the Horse for some paces (c) .....*Cæsar* (*traditis sceptro & pomo, uni ex suis*) *prævenit ad equum Pontificis*, & *TENET STAPHAM*, *quoad Pontifex equum ascenderit*; & *deinde accepto equi fræno, per aliquot passus ducit equum Pontificis*: and the Emperors have (*de facto*) executed this mean Office (which was impious and prodigious pride in the Pope, requiring or permitting; and degenerous in the Emperors, in performing it:) So the Emperor (d) *Sigismund* held the Stirrup of Pope *Martin* the Fifth. And the Emperor (e) *Frederick*, of *Alexander* the Third, &c. And the same *Frederick* had done the same to Pope *Adrian* the Fourth (if (f) *Baronius* say true) .....*In conspectu exercitus sui, Fredericus OFFICIUM STRATORIS cum JUCUNDITATE implevit, & stregnum FORTITER tenuit*. And, that it might be remember'd, *Baronius* has put this Note in the (g) Margent .....*Ut Reges & Imperatores INSERVIANT. PAPÆ*. And in the Margent of the next Paragraph .....*Rex implet* (h) *munus STRATORIS Papæ*.

(b) He must execute *Stratoris Officium* (be Yeoman of the Stirrup) sayes Card. *Baronius*. Annal. Tom. 12. ad An. 1177. Sect. 38.

(c) Dicto Sacrarum Ceremoniarum, lib. 1. Tit. 5. p. 26. Col. 3.

(d) Tho. Walsingham, Hypodig. Neustriæ, p. 588.

(e) *Baronius* Annal. Tom. 12. ad Annum 1177. Sect. 124.

(f) Idem Annal. Tom. 12. ad Annum 1155. num. 13, 14.

(g) *Ibid.* num. 13.

(h) *Ibid.* num. 14.

3. Nor is this all; the Emperor must Swear Fealty to the Pope; and that he will be his Proctor, to defend and maintain all his Rights and Honors, &c.

&c. In this form (i).....*Ego Rex Romanorum futurus Imperator, promitto & juro, me de cætero Protectorem & Procuratorem fore ſummi Pontificis, in omnibus Neceſſitatibus & utilitatibus ſuis, cuſtodiendo & conſervando poſſeſſiones, honores, Jura*, &c. Thus Pope *Innocent* the Third made our King *John* Swear Fidelity and Allegiance to him, in this form (k)*Ego Johannes Rex Angliæ.....fidelis ero.....Eccleſiæ Romanæ ac DOMINO MEO, Innocentio Papæ* 3. &c. And before this, Pope *Gregory* the Seventh (that Prodigy of wickedneſs and Papal Tyranny) ſends *Hubertus* to *William* the Conqueror,(l) *requiring him to Swear Allegiance and Fidelity to him and his Succeſſors.* 'Tis true, that the Conqueror had underſtanding enough to know His Royal Rights, and the Popes injuſt pretences, and ſo (as well became a King) peremptorily refuſed to take any ſuch Oath. *Fidelitatem facere nolui* (ſayes he in his Letters to the Pope) *nec volo.* However, *hoc Ithacus vellet*; this power they pretended to, and (as they had ability and opportunity) required it, and (we may be ſure) when they have an advantage and power, they will both require, and ſeverely (by Interdicts, Anathema's and Excommunications) exact it. And well they might, if they had that vaſt Power and Juriſdiction over Kings, which the Canoniſts, Jeſuits, Schoolmen, Caſuiſts, Summiſts, and their greateſt Writers generally give them. I ſhall (of many) give you ſome few Inſtances.

(i) *Sacrav.* Ceremoniarum S. Rom. Eccleſiæ. lib. 1. Tit. 5. p. 23.

(k) *Hen. de Knighton.* de Eventibus Angliæ, lib. 2. p. 2420. & Math. Weſtmonaſt. ad Annum 1213. p. 272.

(l) *Ut ſibi & ſucceſſoribus FIDELITATEM faceret.* Baronius Annal. Tom. 11. ad Annum 1079. num. 25.

4. Cardinal *Pool* (m) after he had ſaid, and (as he thought) proved; That the King was the *product of the Pope and People*; by them *created* and *made King*;

(m) Libro ad Hen. 8. *pro Eccleſiaſticæ Unionis Defenſione.* Romæ, apud Antonium Badum Aſulanum, p. 25, 26. It is in *Folio*, but the year when 'twas Printed not expreſs'd.

and that the *Office of the Pope and Priest*, was the Office *of a Father*, the King being his Son. He adds.... That *Officium Patris est PRORSUS MAJUS REGIO ET DIVINIUS*. And then he has put these words in the Margent (that they might be taken into special consideration) (*n*)....*The Priest COMMANDS THE KING, but the KING CANNOT COMMAND THE PRIEST.* The *Priest* then is *superior*, and the *King his subject*: and so good night to the Kings Supremacy. And a little before, he says (*o*)....*Henry the Eighth imitated the PRIDE of LUCIFER, when he made himself VICAR of Christ.* This is pretty well; but as the Pope desires, so the Cardinal (and others generally) give him more (*p*).....*Petri Cathedram SUPER OMNIA IMPERATORUM solia, & OMNIA REGUM tribunalia CONSTITUIT CHRISTUS.* The Pope (by their Divinity) is *Jure divino*, superiour to all Kings and Emperors: And yet St. *Paul* (*q*) (*equal to St. Peter*, and far above any of his successors) acknowledges that the Emperor (*r*) (and he a Pagan) was *his Judge*, and *legal superior*, and (as such) Appeals to him. *Azorius* (a great and learned person) confirms the Cardinals Opinion; and tells us (*s*) *That the Emperor, BY THE LAW OF GOD, is SUBJECT to the POPE, even IN TEMPORALS.* And since him, a learned Man, and Prior General of his Order, tells us (*t*) *That the Popes EMPIRE is over ALL THE WORLD* (Pagan and Christian) *and that HE is the ONELY VICAR OF GOD, who has SUPREME Power and EMPIRE, over ALL KINGS and PRINCES OF THE EARTH.* And again (*u*).....*Sicut unus est Deus, monarcha*

(*n*) *SACERDOS in suo munere REGI PRÆCIPIT, NON CONTRA.* Ibidem p. 26. col. 1.

(*o*) *Henricus Rex LUCIFERI SUPERBIAM imitatur, dum se ipse VICARIUM CHRISTI constituit.* Ibid. p. 17. col. 1.

(*p*) Polus Card. de Concilio. p. 91. Editionis in 8°.

(*q*) 2 Cor. 11. 5. & 2 Cor. 12. 11.

(*r*) Act. 25. 10, 11.

(*s*) *Imperator PAPÆ JURE DIVINO SUBJECTUS, etiam in TEMPORALIBUS.* Azorius Institut. Moral. Tom. 2. lib. 10. cap. 6. p. 1041.

(*t*) *Unicus DEI VICARIUS PONTIFEX ROMANUS, habet SUMMAM potestatem & IMPERIUM super OMNES REGES & Principes TERRÆ.* Blasius Bagnus de S. Romanæ Ecclesiæ Dignitatibus. Tract. 7. p. 83.

(*u*) *Ibid.* p. 84.

monarcha omnium ; ſic inter homines, UNUS DEBET eſſe PRINCEPS & MONARCHA, qui OMNIBUS MORTALIBUS præſit & DOMINETUR, DEI ſcilicet VICARIUS. Non igitur Petrus SUB REGE, ſed REGES SUB PETRO eſſe DEBENT, ſibique & ſuis SUCCESSORIBUS INCURVARI, TENENTUR, & COLLA SUBMITTERE. And a little after (x).....*Unus Dei Vicarius OMNIUM PRINCEPS & DOMINUS, Cui IMPERATORES, REGES, & Poteſtates OMNES HUMILITER OBEDIANT, ſintque SUBJECTI.* And good reaſon they ſhould be ſo (if he ſay true) for Princes have all their Power and Authority from the Pope.....*Sicut luna accipit lumen à ſole, ſic REGIA poteſtas recepit authoritatem, NON ALIUNDE niſi A PAPA.* And for the proof of this, he cites two great (y) Lawyers (and might have cited an hundred more) *Johannes Andreas*, and *Hoſtienſis*...(*) *Multas rationes afferunt* Johannes Andreas & *Hoſtienſis quibus probant, Papam eſſe Principem & MONARCHAM, & SUPERIOREM Laicorum omnium & Clericorum.* Nay, 'tis THE DUTY OF ALL KINGS, to ſuffer the Pope to domineer over them (z)....*DEBET Poteſtas Spiritualis Temporali DOMINARI.* Nay, they are damn'd if they do not ſubmit: for ſo the Lemma, or Title to that impious Extravagant of Pope *Bonifaee* the Eighth. *Omnes Chriſti fideles* (the Text and Gloſs expreſly ſay it) *DE NECESSITATE SALUTIS SUBSUNT ROMANO PONTIFICI. Qui utrumque (a) gladium habet, & OMNES Judicat, & A NEMINE judicatur.* The Pope has both Swords, that is, (as their Infallible

(x) *Ibid. p.* 85.

(y) Ibid. p. 85.

(*) Ad Can. Nemo 13. & Can. Aliorum. 14. Cauſ. 9. Quæſt. 3.

(z) Gloſſa ad cap. *Unam Sanctam. de Majore & Obed.* in Extravag. Commun. Verbo, *porro ſubeſſe*, in Reſpect. ad 3. Argumentum.

(a) *Luc.* 22. 38. 1. It cannot appear that *Peter* had them both. 2. Nor that they were given him by *Chriſt*. 3. Nor that they ſignify'd two diſtinct powers. 4. Nor that *Peter* might uſe them both, who was ſeverely condemn'd for uſing one, *Mat.* 26. 51, 52.

lible Judge, the Pope, falsely and ridiculously expounds it) both the Spiritual and Temporal Power, *and is SUPREME MONARCH, above all Kings.* Nay further, they blasphemously say, That our Blessed Saviour had not done *DISCRETELY*, unless he had left such a Supreme Monarch over his Church at his Ascension to govern the World, *(b)....Non videretur Dominus fuisse DISCRETUS, nisi unicum post se talem Vicarium reliquisset.*

(b) Glossa ad dictum Cap. *Unam Sanctam.*

And, (to fill up the measure of their Blasphemy against God, and their sordid and impious flattery of the Pope) Hence it is, that they declare the Pope to be *more than Man,*

(c) Glossa verbo Papa ad Procemium Clementinarum.

(c) Papa stupor mundi....Qui maxima rerum
Nec Deus, nec homo, quasi neuter es inter utrumque.

So the Gloss upon the *Clementines*, in their *Canon-Law.* And the famous Inscription (if I forget not) on an Altar at *Rome*, is as blasphemous (or rather more) as the former. The words these; *Paulo 5° VICE-DEO, Pontificiæ OMNIPOTENTIÆ vindici acerrimo*, &c. where although *VICE-DEUS*, signifie something less than God; yet *Omnipotence* blasphemously attributed to the Pope, must signifie, that he was more than Man. But there is another Gloss, which does not mince the matter, but in plain words, speaks down-right blasphemy: in which it is *(d) Dominus DEUS noster Papa.* So that these Glosses, though they agree in Impiety, and are both blasphemous; yet they contradict each other; the one saying, that the *Pope is God*; the other, that he is *neither*

(d) Glossa ad Cap. *Cum inter.* 4. verbo, *declaramus.* De verb. Signif. in Extravag. Johan. 22.

ther God nor Man. Now, if this be true, I desire some of their Canonists would inform me, what they think the Pope is. For if (according to their Law) he *neither be God nor Man*; seeing (I suppose) it will be granted, that he is a rational Creature, and no good Angel, he must be (by their Law and Logick) *an incarnate Devil.* I do not call him so; but only shew, what (by the just consequences of their impious and blasphemous Glosses) he must be.

5. And here, it may not be unworthy of our observation, that although *Thomas Manrique* (Master of the sacred *Palace*) in the year 1572. *thought* (*e*) *fit* to have this impious Glos left out, and has (in Print) published his opinion: yet Pope (*f*) *Gregory* the XIII. thought otherwise, and approves and passes this blasphemous Glos (with such others) and so it still remains in the (*g*) *Roman* and (*h*) *Parisian* Editions. Now although the *Congregatio Indicis*, and their Inquisitors, in their *Indices Expurgatorii*, take particular notice of, and Damn such Sentences as these (though Principles of Christian Religion evidently contain'd in Scripture) (*i*) *Abraham fide justus.* (*k*) *Christus credentibus salus.* (*l*) *Justitia nostra Christus. Omnes* (*m*) *sumus peccatores.* I say, though they constantly Damn such Sacred Truths, and command them to be expung'd; yet this impious Glos (making, as they think, for the Popes absolute Monarchy) stands untouch'd, in their last and best Editions of their *Canon-Law.* Onely they have in the last Edition (I have yet seen) added this Note in the Margent, over against the Glos (*n*).....*Hæc verba sano*

(*e*) Censura in Glossas Juris Canonici. Colon. 1572. p. 13. 14. & 52.

(*f*) Vide Bullam ejus datam Romæ 1. Jul. 1580. præfixam Juri Canon. Paris. 1612.

(*g*) Anno 1580.

(*h*) Paris. 1612.

(*i*) Index Expurgat. Hispan. Juxta exemplar. Madriti. 1667. p. 99.

(*k*) Ibidem, p. 112. Col. 2.

(*l. m*) Ibidem.

(*n*) Edit. Jur. Canon. Paris. 1612. Clement. Col. 4. in margine, ad Procemium Clementinarum.

sano modo sunt accipienda. And that is (according to the meaning of *Johannes Andreas*, the Author of that Gloss) those words must be taken so, as they make most for the Popes Supremacy: for so it immediately follows....*Prolata enim sunt ad ostendendam amplissimam esse Pontificis Romani potestatem.*

Now this Supremacy of the Pope being granted, (which their Lawyers, Authentick Laws, their Canonists and Councils, and all their greatest Writers, *Jesuits* especially, generally contend for) it evidently follows, that the Pope is the sole and onely Supreme Power on Earth; and so all Kings and Emperors are, and must be his Subjects, and so must lose that Supremacy, which (by the Laws of Nature and Scripture) does *de Jure* belong to them: For they say, and industriously endeavor to prove this Absolute Supreme Power and Monarchy of the Pope, over all Kings and Emperors in the World. I shall, to satisfie you, bring two or three more Witnesses to prove it.

I. *Abraham(o)Bzovius* tells us, 1. That the *Pope is MONARCH of ALL CHRISTIANS* (Kings and Emperors included.) 2. That he is *SUPREME over ALL MORTALS.* 3. That there *lies no APPEAL from him.* 4. That he is *JUDGE of HEAVEN*, and in all *EARTHLY JUDGMENTS SUPREME.* 5. That he is, *THE ARBITRATOR of THE WORLD.* These (and many more such) *Bzovius* industriously endeavors to prove out of their Popish Authors. Nor is his Book any surreptitious Work, clandestinely publish'd such

(o) Abrah. Bzovius de Pontifice Romano. Coloniæ Agrip. 1619. says,
1. *Papa est Christianorum Monarcha*, cap. 1.
2. *Mortalium supremus*, cap. 3.
3. *A quo Provocatio nulla*, cap. 16.
4. *Judex cœli, & in judicio terreno supremus*, cap. 32.
5. *Arbiter Orbis*, cap. 45.

such as *Rome* would not own; for it comes out, with all the Solemn Approbations and Commendations of his Superiors, and the *Apostolick Inquisitor*; who thus approves *Bzovius* his Book (and so all the above-mention'd Extravagant and Antimonarchical Positions) (*p*)----*Seeing it sufficiently appears, by the APPROBATIONS of the DOCTORS, and the Authors FAMOUS NAME; that the Learning of this present Work is SINGULAR, and the DOCTRINE SOLID, both IN FAITH and MANNERS; therefore I think it fit to be publish'd, FOR THE COMMON UTILITY.* So that this Doctrine of the Popes Supremacy, above all Kings and Emperors, is not *Bzovius* his private Opinion, but has the Approbation of the Roman Church (at least in the Judgment of those who approved it) being attested by those, who (by that Church) are impowered for that purpose.

(*p*) Vide Approbationes libro Bzovii, De Pontifice Romano præfixus; in Approbatione Inquisitoris Apostolici---- *Cum de præsentis Operis SINGULARI eruditione, SOLIDAQUE IN FIDE AC MORIBUS DOCTRINA, tam ex DOCTORUM CALCULO, quam ex Authoris CELEBRI NOMINE, satis CONSTET, censeo ut ad COMMUNEM UTILITATEM excudatur*, &c.

II. My next Witness is *Isiodorus Mosconius* (Vicar-General to the Archbishop of *Bononia*, and a learned Lawyer) who tells us (*q*)----*That the Pope is UNIVERSAL JUDGE, KING OF KINGS, and LORD of LORDS, because his Power is of God; That GODS TRIBUNAL and the POPES, is one and the SAME, and that they have the SAME CONSISTORY: and therefore ALL other Powers are HIS SUBJECTS, and that the Pope is JUDGED of NONE BUT GOD; not of THE EMPEROR or KINGS, or of the CLERGY or LAITY.*

(*q*) Isiod. Mosconius, de Majestat. Ecclesiæ Militantis, lib. 1. cap. 7. p. 26. Venetiis 1622. *Pontifex Rom. est Judex Universalis, Rex Regum, & Dominus Dominantium, eo quod ejus Potestas à Deo est, & nullum habet superiorem nisi Deum: Estque unum Tribunal inter Deum & Papam. Ideo omnes aliæ potestates ei subditæ sunt, & à nemine judicatur, nisi à Deo; non ab Augusto, non à Regibus, nec à Clero aut Populo.* Et p. 640. in Margine, *Papa est omnium Principum Monarcha*, &c.

And he cites many of their Canons and Councils, which (as positively as he) say and prove the same thing.

III. *Celsus Mancinus* (De Juribus Principatuum, Romæ 1596. lib. 3. cap. 1,2.) is not far short, in attributing an *absolute supreme Power to the Pope*, even in Temporal things. For (in the place cited) he tells us *Three* things (which he fully proves, out of their best Authors.) (r) 1. *That the Pope is* LORD OF THE WHOLE WORLD. 2. *That the Pope (as Pope) has* TEMPORAL POWER. 3. *That this temporal power of the Pope, is, of* ALL OTHER POWERS *in the World most* EMINENT; *and* ALL *other Powers* DEPEND *on the* POPE. But let this pass; I shall cite you a greater Authority which will not only tell you, that the Papal Power is greater than Regal and Imperial, but how much it is greater: for,

IV. Pope *Innocent* the III. (as *Infallible* as any of his Successors) tells us, that the Papal (ſ) Power, is as much greater than the Imperial, as *the* SUN *is greater than the* MOON. And the Gloss there (t) says, that is 47 *times* greater. He who put the Note in the Margent there, thinks this too little; and therefore he says, *Quinquagies septies*; The Papal Power is (according to his Arithmetick) 57 times greater than the Imperial. A Man would think, that (by these accounts) the Popes Power were great enough. But there is

(r) Mancinus loco citato, ait. 1. *Papa est* TOTIUS ORBIS DOMINUS. 2. PAPA (*ut Papa*) *habet* POTESTATEM TEMPORALEM. 3. *Potestas Papæ temporalis, est* OMNIUM *aliarum Potestatum* EMINENTISSIMA, *aliæque potestates* OMNES *ab illo* DEPENDENT.

(ſ) Innocentius 3. cap. *Sollicitæ*, 6. Extra de *Major. & Obedientiâ.*

(t) *Pontificalis dignitas quadragies Septies Regali major.* So the learned Gloss.

is an Addition there, (who was the Author of it, I know not) in which we are told, (you may believe so far as you think fit) that the *Papal Dignity exceeds the Imperial*, no less than 7744. so inconsiderable a thing (in these Mens account) is Regal and Imperial Majesty, in respect of the vast Greatness of Papal Supremacy.

In short; If you compare that Decretal of *Innocent* the Third (but now cited) with that famous Extravagant of Pope (*u*) *Boniface* the Eighth, (both which are received into the Body of their Canon-Law) you will find them cite several places of Scripture, (miserably mis-understood) and bring reasons to prove the Papal Power above the Regal and Imperial. But the consequences they draw from those Texts they cite, are so far from being Infallible, that they are (like those who cite them) evidently false; and what other Arguments they bring, are not only unlike reason, but ridiculous: yet although neither the Reasons, nor the Authority of their Popes, nor the general consent of the ablest Writers *Rome* has, (who all endeavor to establish the same Position, and the Popes extravagant Supremacy) can prove that he really has such Power, (nor are they cited by me to any such purpose) yet they clearly prove that they own that Doctrine (which is all I aim at) and (though they cannot) gladly would make it appear probable, and have us and all others to believe it.

(*u*) Bonifacius 8. cap. Unam Sanctam. 1. de majoritate & Obed. Extrav. Com.

6. And further, from this unlimited Supremacy of the Pope, they conclude (and publickly profess)

his *power to depose Kings*, absolve their Subjects from all Oathes of Allegiance, and dispose of their Kingdoms. That this may appear, I consider,

1. That to cite particular Popish Writers, would be endless, and needless; that *Bellarmine*, *Emanuel Sa*, *Suares*, *Mariana*, *Turrecremata*, &c. that the Canonists, Casuists, Schoolmen, Summists, Jesuits, &c. are generally (if not universally) of this opinion, (*That the Pope may depose Kings*, &c.) is notoriously known to all, who know them. I shall onely instance in two or three (to give you a taste of that impious doctrine, which all of them profess, assert, and (so far as they are able) vindicate, &c.) And here, 1. *Celsus Mancinus* (a learned Canon-Regular of the Order of St. *Augustine*) tells us, that (x)....*It is EVIDENT TO ALL, THAT EMPERORS ARE DEPOSED and DEPRIVED by the Pope, and that not ONELY FOR things pertaining TO FAITH, but ALSO for things pertaining to MANNERS and the CIVIL LAW.* And *Abraham Bzovius* (more fully) sayes, (as generally the rest do) 1. (y) *That the secular power IS SUBJECT to the SPIRITUAL; so that it is no usurpation, if the Spiritual JUDGE the Secular.* 2. *The Pope has SUPREME POWER over Christian KINGS and PRINCES, who may CORRECT, DEPOSE, and PUT OTHERS in their PLACES.* 3. *The Pope may DEPRIVE a KING of his Royal Dignity for HERESY, SCHISM, for any intolerable crime, negligence, or lazinesse, if in great matters he break his Oath, or oppresse the Church*, &c. *So that in all these cases* (by him there mention'd, and they are

(x) *Conspicuum est OMNIBUS, à Summo Pontifice DEPONI PRIVARIque Imperatores, idque non TANTUM ratione eorum quæ ad FIDEM spectant, verum etiam & eorum quæ ad MORES & JUS CIVILE spectant.* Celsus Mancinus De Juribus Principatuum, lib. 3. cap. 3. pag. 76. Romæ 1596.

(y) Bzovius De Pont. Romano, cap. 46. p. 621. col. 2. Col. Agrip. 1618. 1. *Potestas secularis subdita est spirituali, ita ut non sit iudicium usurpatum, si potestas spiritualis de temporalibus judicet.* 2. *Papa summam habet potestatem etiam in Reges & Principes Christianos, qui eos corrigat, officio amoveat, & in loco eorum alios constituat.* 3. *Papa potest Regem propter Hæresin, Schisma, crimen intolerabile in populo, negligentiam aut socordiam, si iuramento dato, in rebus gravissimis non satisfecerit, aut Ecclesiam opprimeret, DIGNITATE REGIA EXUERE.*

are Eight or Nine) *the Pope may depose a Supreme Prince*; and the Pope himself is SOLE JUDGE both of the CRIME and Condemnation. And to make all this good, 1. he gives us a (z) Catalogue of above Thirty Kings and Princes, who have (*de facto*) been Deposed, or (by Excommunications and Anathema's) Damn'd by the Pope. 2. And then he cites the Canon of a (*) General Council of their own, (of which anon) and above an hundred eminent Authors of their own Church, who assert and justifie that Impious Opinion. 3. And then he further adds, that AN INNUMERABLE company of *ENGLISH MARTYRS* (following their Captain *Edmund Campian*, a *Villain* Condemned and Executed for (*) *High Treason*) did with their Pens and Blood maintain the same Opinion.--*INNUMERABILES etiam Anglicani MARTYRES DUCEM Edmundum CAMPIANUM secuti, pro PRIMATU Romani Pontificis, ab Hen. 8. & Elizabetha cæsi, Sanguine profuso, & stilo exerto idem docuerunt.* So that we may see, the Doctrine of the Pope's Power to *DEPOSE KINGS*, must be *de Fide*, an Article of Divine Truth, and They Martyrs who die in defence of it: for *Campian* is with them, a (*) Most *FAMOUS MARTYR*.

(z) Bzovius loco citato, pag. 611, 612, &c.

(*) Ibid. pag. 619, 620, 621.

(*) *Campian* justly executed for High Treason, 24 of *Eliz.* 1581. Vide *Camden's Elizab.* Lib. 3. pag. 239, 240.

(*) *MARTYR CHRISTI INCLYTUS, & sui seculi CLARISSIMUS.* Pet. Ribadencira in Catalog. Scriptorum, Religionis Societatis Jesu, in Edmundo Campiano. *Parsons* the Jesuit says as much for *Garnet*, in his Discussion of the Answer of *W. B.* pag. 22, 23.

These Positions, asserted publickly and in Print, by Popish Authors, with so much confidence, and without any check of the Romish Church, of which they are Members; may justly seem impious and horrid to any sober Christian, who wishes well (as all good Subjects should) to Kings and Monarchy: yet I shall shew you greater Abominations. One of

of their (a) *Authors*, writing against King *James*, (of happy Memory) tells us,

1. That *the Pope's Power (in the BELIEF of CATHOLICKS) is not barely Miniſterial, but IMPERIAL. CATHOLICI* (ſays he) *non tantum MINISTERIO, ſed & IMPERIO Papam præſidere CREDUNT.* And this Papal Power is (b) *SUPREME, ſo that there reſides in the Pope a right to direct and COMPEL, and a POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH.* And to ſhew the reaſon of this, he adds; (c) *That the POPE is the SUPREME VICAR of GOD, the Emperor Supreme ADVOCATE of the Church; than which NOTHING can be more HONOURABLE for any KING:* (Surely Kings are much bound to him for that Honourable Office.) *The* POPE (as he goes on) *is* THE *HEAD of Chriſt's Body; The Emperor and Kings are ARMS and HANDS; And therefore it is MADNESS to ſay, That the HEAD has not EMPIRE over the ARMS. The* POPE, *who is the Head and Top of the Eccleſiaſtical Body, is govern'd by the* INSPIRATION *of the Holy Ghoſt. The ARMS can do nothing, but what pertains to the Food, Rayment, and Protection of the Body. And* St. Paul *forbids us to doubt, that the Government and Preſcription of all theſe, belongs to the Head, and from thence is derived to the ARMS. And therefore if Kings do not feed and cloath the Body, if the ARMS or HANDS do not do their Office, they may (by the Command of the HEAD) be CUT OFF, as unprofitable*

(a) Caſp. Scioppius, *in his* Eccleſiaſticum Jacobo Magnæ Britanniæ Regi Oppoſitum, cap. 139. pag. 502. Edit. 1611.

(b) *Penes Papam in Eccleſia SUMMUM IMPERIUM, Poteſtas SUMMA, tam dirigendi quam COGENDI, jus etiam VITÆ & NECIS in Papa reſidet.* Ibidem cap. 138. pag. 426.

(c) *Papa eſt SUMMUS DEI VICARIUS, Cæſar ſummus Eccleſiæ ADVOCATUS; quo NIHIL ULLI REGI amplius aut HONORIFICENTIUS. Papa CAPUT eſt Corporis Chriſti. Cæſar ac REGES ſunt BRACHIA ſeu MANUS. Itaque inſania eſt dicere nullum Capitis in Brachia Imperium eſſe. Papa (qui eſt Caput & vertex Eccleſiaſtici corporis) Spiritus Sancti inſpiratione regitur. BRACHIA NIHIL facere poſſunt, niſi quod ad corporis Victum, amictum ac protectionem pertinet; quorum omnium Regimen ac præſcriptum, quin penes Caput ſit, & inde ad Brachia derivetur, Dubitare Paulus vetat,* Col. 2. 19. *Itaque ſi Reges non nutriant, neque veſtiant Corpus. ---Si Brachia aut Manus munere non fungantur, nec teneant Caput.-----Ut membrum inutile. CAPITIS IMPERIO AMPUTENTUR.* Ibid. cap. 241. pag. 511. If you deſire to ſee more of the Pope's Depoſing King's, Card. *Baronius* (in an hundred places) vindicates the Power, and approves and commends the practice. See his Annals, *Ad annum* 593. num. 8. & *ad Annum* 730. num. 5.

unprofitable Members. Theſe are his words, or the Engliſh of them.

So that (by this Popiſh Doctrine) the Pope, being Head of the Body, may, when he pleaſes, (for he is Supreme and Sole Judge in the caſe) cut off Kings and Emperors, who are but the Hands or Arms of that Body. And yet ſo hard is the Forehead of that Author, that he is not aſhamed to ſay, (and put it in the Margent, that all might take notice of it) *That this great Power of the Pope, is* (d) *NOT AT ALL dangerous or prejudicial to Princes*. How dangerous this Doctrine of this Papal Supremacy, has been to Princes, the many Excommunications and Depoſitions of Kings and Emperors, in the ſix laſt Centuries, are evident and ſad Witneſſes; and what miſchief (if not carefully prevented) it may do for the future, it will concern Princes, and all who are Loyal, and love Them, and their own Preſervation, ſeriouſly to conſider. It was a Wiſe Mans ſaying, That Proteſtant Princes may be too ſecure, but never ſafe, while any Jeſuite dwells in their Dominions. *Thuanus* ſpeaking of the fatal, and (by them, too ſecure) not fear'd Tragedy of *Hen.* 3. and 4. of *France*, he ſeems to blame their too great Security, and then adds: *MISEROS PRINCIPES, QUIBUS DE CONJURATIONE NON CREDITUR, NISI OCCISIS.* But to proceed.

(d) *Summa Papæ poteſtas NIHIL PRORSUS PERICULI ADFERT REGIBUS.* Idem cap. 141. pag. 512.

2. Another of their Authors, and he a Learned Biſhop (*Jacobus* (e) *Simanca* by Name) tells us that, which concerns all Proteſtant Princes to conſider, and what they muſt expect from the

(e) Jacobus Simanca Enchir. Judicum Tit. 67. Sect. 12. p. 349. Antwerp. 1573. *HÆRETICI PRIVATI SUNT OMNI DOMINIO & Juriſdictione, & EORUM SUBDITI ab iis LIBERI ſunt, quod & REGES, & alios rerum Dominos comprehendit.*

the Pope, when he has Power to put their Traiterous Principles in execution. The thing he tells us, is this: *Heretiques* (says he, and we know who are meant by that hard word) *are actually* DEPRIVED OF ALL DOMINION *and* JURISDICTION, *and their* SUBJECTS FREED FROM THEIR OBEDIENCE: *and this comprehends* KINGS *&* OTHER LORDS. So *Simanca*. Nor is this his private or singular Opinion: For, 1. He proves it expresly out of a Decretal of Pope *Gregory* the Ninth, extant in the Body of their (*f*) Canon-Law. 2. He cites (*g*) *Alphonsus à Castro*, who also proves the Position of *Simanca*, by evident Testimonies of many and eminent Popish Authors. 3. It is to be considered too, that *Simanca*'s Book is Priviledg'd, and Licenc'd to be Printed by Publick Authority, and with the Approbation and high Commendation of the *Censor Librorum*, the Learned *Ben. Arias Montanus*; who tells us, that he had read it, (*h*) *and judged it* HIGHLY PROFITABLE, *for the Knowledge and* PRACTICE *of the* WHOLE *Argument undertaken, and that it contain'd* NOTHING OFFENSIVE *to the* CATHOLICK FAITH, (then, in that great Man's Judgment, that Rebellious Roman Doctrine, of Deposing Heretical Kings, and Absolving their Subjects from all Oaths of Allegiance, is not offensive to their Catholick Faith.) *And therefore I* JUDGE *it* WORTHY, *that* FOR THE PROFIT OF MANY, *it be* A THIRD TIME

(*f*) Cap. Absolutos. 16. Extra. *de Hæreticis.*

(*g*) Alph. à Castro, *de Justâ Hæreticor. Punit.* Lib. 2. Cap. 7. *&c.*

(*h*) *Valde utilem esse censeo ad* TOTIUS *argumenti susceptí cognitionem & PRAXIM, NIHILQUE continere quod* CATHOLICAM FIDEM *offendat: Ideoque* DIGNUM *judico, ut ad* MULTORUM UTILITATEM, TERTIO, *& etiam* SÆPIUS *edatur:* So are the words in *Arias Montanus* his License of that Book.

TIME, and OFTNER, *Published.* So that this *Doctrine*, (That *Heretical Kings are Depriv'd of all their Dominion, and their Subjects Absolved from all Oaths of Allegiance*) is *not only approved* by *Simancha*, *Alfonsus à Castro*, *Arias Montanus*, (all *great and very learned Persons* in the *Church of Rome*) but by their Canon-Law, and the Decretal of Pope *Gregory* the Ninth. And it is further considerable, that this Doctrine (though Impious and Trayterous) is not (in any *Index Expurgatorius*, I have yet seen) condemned either in *Simanca*, or any other of all those, who generally assert and vindicate it.

3. One more I shall only cite, (though an hundred such might be cited) and he a famous *Jesuite*, who plainly tells us, (what their Society constantly *professe*, and *many of them have, and do practice*) (i) *That if a* CLERGY-MAN *Rebel against his* KING, *it is* NO TREASON, *because* CLERGY-MEN *are not the* KINGS SUBJECTS. Nor is this the singular Opinion of *Emanuel Sa*; for it is *approved*, and highly *commended*, (by their *Censores Librorum*) both at the (k) *beginning*, and (l) *end* of that Book; and (as an (*m*) excellent and learned Person tells me) it was highly approved and commended at *Rome* too. So that (if such a multitude of eminent Popish Authors may have that credit they deserve in this particular) we may be sure, that this impious and trayterous Doctrine is approved and received

(*i*) *Clerici rebellio in Regem, non est crimen læsæ Majestatis, quia Clericus non est Regi subditus.* Eman. Sa. Aphor. Confess. Verbo Clericus, pag. 41. Col. 1599.

(*k*) *Opus Theologis, OMNIBUSQUE animarum curam habentibus UTILE ac NECESSARIUM.*

(*l*) *Hi Aphorismi DOCTI sunt ac PII, MULTAMQUE Utilitatem allaturi.*

(*m*) Jac. Leschassier operum pag. 421. Edit. Paris 1652.

ceived in the Church of *Rome*. And though I said I would cite no more such Testimonies, to manifest so certain and clear a Truth; yet I shall add two more, (not unworthy your Consideration) which are (if that be possible) more highly impious than the former.

1. Then, a great Popish (*n*) Lawyer, (in asserting the Papal Power) has, and endeavours to prove these erroneous and desperate Positions.

(*n*) Phil. Maynardus de Privilegiis Ecclesiast. Dedicated to Pope *Paulus* 5. and printed at *Ancona*. 1607.

1. *The Emperour and Kings are the Popes Subjects.*

(1) *Imperator* subest *Papæ ut & Reges.* Art. 5. Sect. 19. 21.

2. *The Emperour and Kings may be Deposed by the Pope, for Heresie and any great Sin.*

(2) *Imperator & Rex ratione fidei & peccati gravis, possunt à Papa deponi & privari,* Ibid. Sect. 23.

3. *The Pope has Power in the whole World, in Spirituals and* TEMPORALS; *and this* TEMPORAL *Power he has in a more Worthy, a Superiour and perfect manner, than Secular Princes.*

(3) *Papa habet potestatem in toto Orbe, in Spiritualibus & Temporalibus; & in Temporalibus modo digniori, superiori, & perfectiori quam habent Principes seculares.* Ibid. Art. 6. Sect. 1. & Sect. 11.

4. *Statutes made by Laymen, do not bind the Clergy.*

(4) *Statuta Laicorum non obligant Clericos.* Art. 13. Sect. 9.

5. *The Pope is Vicar of God, and preferred before all Powers, as GOD HIMSELF; and EVERY CREATURE IS SUBJECT TO HIM.*

(5) *Vicarius Dei Omnibus Potestatibus Præponitur,* SICUT IPSE DEUS, & PAPÆ SUBEST OMNIS CREATURA, Ibid. Art. 6. Sect. 11. 12.

6. *It is necessary to Salvation to be Subject to the Pope, and he who affirms the contrary,* IS NO CHRISTIAN.

(6) *Papæ subesse, est* DE NECESSITATE SALUTIS, *& contrarium asserens,* NON POTEST DICI CHRISTIANUS. Ibidem Sect. 13.

This he has out of the (*o*) *Canon-Law*, and the Decretal of Pope *Boniface* the Eighth. So that by this impious and uncharitable Doctrine, all *Protestant Kings, Princes and People*, are *decry'd to be Christians*, and *absolutely damned*, without all hope or possibility of *Salvation*.

(*o*) Cap. Unam Sanct. De Major, & Obedientia. Inter. Extrav. Communes.

And

And yet their (p) *Canonists* (to say nothing of others) and (q) Jesuites generally, (nay, (r) universally) approve and defend it, and the Pope and (s) *Council* confirm and establish it. *Theologia hæc damnatoria, Pseudo-Catholica, Romana sit licet, tamen non est Christiana.* Let them brag (as usually they do) of their *Catholick Faith*; for my part, I can have no great Opinion of their Faith, who have little Charity, and damn all save themselves.

2 Once more, (t) *Stanislaus Orichovius*, (while he magnifies the Pope and his Papal Greatness, with high contempt of Kings, and Blasphemy against God) hath this passage, unfit to fall from the Pen of any sober Christian, (u) *The* PRIEST (says he) *excels* THE KING, *as much as a* MAN *excels a* BEAST. And says further, *HE WHO PREFERS THE KING BEFORE THE PRIEST, he prefers the CREATURE before the CREATOR.* This is strange Doctrine, and yet approved at *Rome*, at least not condemned there (as Antimonarchical Positions, which decry Royal, and magnifie Papal Power, seldom, or never are) the reason why I say and believe this, is; Because I find in the (x) *Spanish Expurgatory Index*, some other things of *this Author* censur'd; but this passage now cited, is neither medled with, nor once mentioned.

But to pass by particular Testimonies of single Popish Authors, (who publickly assert, and industriously

(p) Vide Glossam ad dictum Cap. unam Sanctam: & Card. Turrecrematam summa de Eccles. Lib. 4. Part 2. Pag. 409.

(q) Vid. Bellarmin. de Pont. Rom. Lib. 5. cap. 7. Sect. Item. Sect. sic enim.

(r) Vid. Apologiam Jesuitarum, Editam Anno 1591. cum hoc Titulo. *La verité defendue.*

(s) Vid. Sanction. Pragmat. (Paris 1613. in Quarto) pag. 1042. & Concil. Lateran. sub Leone 10. Sess. 11. apud Binium. Tom. 9. Concil. pag. 153. A. And that *OBEDIENTIA VERA* (and so *Subjection*) is due and to be given *Jesu Christi Vicario Pontifici Romano*, is an Article of their New CREED. (contrived at *Trent*) *EXTRA QUAM NULLA SALVUS ESSE POTEST*; and to the belief of this, all their Ecclesiasticks solemnly swear. Vid. Bullam *Pii.* 4. super Forma Professionis Fidei, in Concilio Tridentino. Sess. 25.

(t) Stanislaus Orichovius in Chimæra, pag. 99.

(u) *Sacerdos præstat Regi, Quantum HOMO præstat BESTIÆ. Qui Regem præfert Sacerdoti, is CREATURAM anteponit creatori.* loco citato.

(x) Index Expurgatorius Hispan. in Stanislao Orichovio.

ouſly endeavour to Vindicate this Rebellious Doctrine, *That Kings may be depoſed and murdered by the Pope or People.*) I ſhall give you greater, and (to the Church of *Rome*) more Athentique Authority. As for inſtance,

1. Their (*y*) *Canon-Law*, approved, received, uſed and obey'd in their Church, as a Rule of Juſtice in all their Courts and Conſiſtories. I ſhall quote their beſt Edition; Corrected, Approved, and Publiſh'd by the Popes Command, (and he Infallible no doubt) for ſo he himſelf tells us..... (*z*) *Nos providere volentes, ut hoc Jus Canonicum, ſic* EXPURGATUM, *ad* OMNES CHRISTI FIDELES SARTUM *perveniat, ac ne cuiquam liceat operi* QUICQUAM ADDERE, *vel* IMMUTARE, *aut* INVERTERE, *ſed prout in urbe noſtra Româ nuper impreſſum fuit, perpetuo integrum &* INCORRUPTUM *conſervetur.* Now in his Canon-Law, ſo *purged* and *corrected*, that it might come to *ALL THE FAITHFUL*, (as the *Pope himſelf tells us*, who, if he were Infallible, could not, and if he were but an Honeſt Man, would not publiſh an Untruth) we are told,

(*y*) Decretum Gratiani *EMENDATUM*, juſſu Gregorii. 13. Editum, juxta Exemplar *ROMANUM, DILIGENTER RECOGNITUM.* Paris. 1612.

(*z*) Gregorius Papa. 13. in Bulla Corpori Juris Canonici præfixâ. Dat. Romæ. 1580. Anno Pontificatus ſui. 9.

I. That the Pope may depoſe Princes, and then abſolve their Subjects from their Oaths of Allegiance, (a)..... *A* FIDELITATIS *etiam* JURAMENTO, *Romanus Pontifex nonnullos* ABSOLVIT, *cum aliquos A SUA* DIGNITATE DEPONIT. And having ſet down this for Law, it immediately follows,

(*a*) Vid. Can. Authoritatem. 2. Cauſ. 15. Quæſt. 6. Part. 2.

II. That

II. That (b) *another Pope* (Zachary *by Name*) *deposed the King of* France; *not so much for HIS INIQUITIES, but that he was UNPROFITABLE for such a Power.....And then he ABSOLVED ALL THE FRENCH from their Oath of FIDELITY:* And then adds, ... *That the Holy-Church* (*he means the Pope*) *does* (*by an usual Authority*) *so absolve Subjects from their Oaths to their Superiors.*

(b) *Alius autem Rom. Pontifex, Zacharias scilicet, Regem Francorum, non tam pro suis Iniquitatibus; quam pro eo, quod tantæ potestati erat inutilis à* REGNO DEPOSUIT, *omnesque Francigenos à* JURAMENTO FIDELITATIS, *quod illi fecerunt,* ABSOLVIT. *Quod etiam ex* AUTHORITATE FREQUENTI *facit Ecclesia.* Ibid. Can. Alius 3.

Now concerning this *memorable Canon*, give me leave to observe,

1. That the Gloss tells us, (*John Semeca*, a famous Canonist, was Author of it) that Pope *Gelasius* maintain'd the Doctrine of deposing Emperors; (c)..... *Gelasius Papa scribens contra Anastasium Imperatorem, dicit,* QUOD POTEST EUM DEPONERE PROPTER *malitiam suam*, &c.

(c) Glossa ad dictum Canonem. verbo *Alius.*

2. In the *Lemma*, or *Title* of this *Canon*, (in the (d) *old Editions* of the Canon-Law) it was, ... *Gelasius Papa Anastasio Imperatori.* But in *later* (e) *Editions* the Title is this,..... *Pontificalis Authoritas A* JURAMENTO FIDELITATIS *nonnullos* ABSOLVIT, *unde Gregorius Papa.* The (f) Annotator tells us truly, that *Gelasius* could not speak of the French Kings deposition; seeing *Gelasius* was dead, above 240 years before *Chilpericus* (or *Childericus*, they write him both ways) came

(d) Edit. Paris. 1519, &c.

(e) Edit. Lugduni. 1661. &c.

(f) Vid. Notam ad dictum Can. *Alius*; in Edit. recentioribus.

came to be King of *France*. But they say, the words of this Canon are found in the (*g*) *Epistles* of Pope *Gregory* the Seventh, and therefore they do rightly refer them to him, as the true Author of them. Now, whether it were *Gelasius* or *Gregory* the Seventh, it is all one, (as to my present business) it is by them confess'd, that a Pope was Author of that *Rebellious passage*, *Gratian* refers it into the Body of their *Canon-Law*, and Pope (*h*) *Gregory* the Thirteenth approves, and (together with the whole Body of the Law, the Gloss and Annotations) confirms and ratifies it. Whence we may rationally conclude, that this Doctrine of the *Popes Power* to *depose Kings*, and *absolve their Subjects* from their *Oaths of Allegiance* (though impious and rebellious) is so far from being *disown'd*, or *detested by all Papists* (as some now pretend) that the Supreme power of that Church has not only approved, but establish'd it for Law. By the way; though you see, that *Gratian* and Pope *Gregory* say, that Pope *Zachary* was the Man who *deposed* the *French* King *Hildericus*; yet (*i*) *an Historian* of more Antiquity and Credit than either of them (notwithstanding *Gregories* Infallibility) tells us, that it was *Pope Stephen* (*Zacharies* Successor) who *deposed him*. So that all agree, that *A Pope* (it matters not which) was Author of that impiety.

(*g*) Gregorius. 7. Regist. lib. 8. Epist. 21.

(*h*) Vide Bullam Gregorii. 13. Dat. Romæ. 1. Julii 1580. Corpori Jur. Can. præfixam.

(*i*) Eginhardus in Vita Caroli Magni, p. 4, 5. Edit. Colon. 1521. who says—*Hildericus Rex, JUSSU STEPHANI, Romani Pontificis, depositus est.* This impious Fact of Pope *Stephen*, has been approv'd, and (in practice) imitated by many of his followers. *Szovius* (before cited) gives us a List of above 30 Kings and Princes, thus deposed by Popes, and Anathematiz'd.

3. When

3. When the Canon says, that the French King was deposed by the Pope, because he was *INUTILIS*, &c. the Gloss gives you the meaning of that word; .....*Non intelligas, INUTILS, id est INSUFFICIENS, tunc enim ei dari debuit Coadjutor; sed quia DISSOLUTUS erat, cum* (†) *MULIERIBUS, & EFFOEMINATUS*; so that (by this Papal Law) we see, that (if the Pope please) the greatest Prince may be deposed for a very small matter.

(†) *Ipse Papa Pater Patrum putativus, sed filiorum VERUS Pater: quod, qui Nopotes ejus, omnes norunt.* Il. Nepotismo, pag.—

4. When this Canon says; the *Pope deposed the King of France*; the (*k*) *Gloss* notes.....*Ergo Papa deponit Imperatorem.* And (least we should not take notice of it) these words (in their best Editions of the Canon-Laws (*l*) *corrected, purged, revised, and whatever wicked men had put into the Text or Margent, contrary to the Catholick Faith, by Pope* Gregories *command expunged*) I say (notwithstanding all this) these words are put in the Margent .....*IMPERATOR POTEST A PAPA DEPONI.* Whence it is evident, that in Pope *Gregories* Opinion, this *impious Doctrine* and Position (though contrary to the *true Christian*) is not contrary *to THEIR ROMAN FAITH*; being expresly in those Glosses and Canons; in which, their Supreme and Infallible Judge says, There is *NOTHING CATHOLICÆ VERITATI CONTRARIUM.* Nor is this Pope *Gregories* singular opinion; *that the Pope may depose Kings.* For seeing it

(*k*) Glossa ad dictum, Can *Alius.* 3. Verbo, deposuit.

(*l*) *Cum his quæ ab impiis Scriptoribus, extra in margine, vel intra aspersa fuerunt Catholicæ veritati contraria revidendi corrigendi, expurgandi curam demandavimus — TAM TOTUM EMENDATUM,* &c. In Bullà dicta Gregorii. 13. Corpori Juris Canonici præfixa.

it has been approved by their Popes, and their General Councils, (as you ſhall ſee anon) and for ſome Ages received amongſt their *Sacred Canons*, (as they call them) it is become *a neceſſary part of their Creed*, (and *no Salvation* without the belief of it) to which all their *Secular Clergy*, *Archbiſhops*, *Biſhops*, and whoever *has any cure of Souls*; and all their *Regulars* (at leaſt the *Heads and Governors of them*) are *ſolemnly* (m) *ſworn*. For they *ſwear*, *promiſe*, *and vow*, *without all doubtings*, *to receive*, *and profeſs ALL THINGS defined and declared in the SACRED CANONS*, *and General Councils*; *and* (*ſo far as they are able*) *to make others receive them too*. So that all their Eccleſiaſtiques (eſpecially all who have any Cure of Souls) do not only believe this *impious Doctrine* of *Popes Power to depoſe Kings*, but they ſwear, both to BELIEVE and *PROFESS IT*, and (as far as they are able) make others do ſo too. How pernicious to Kings and Princes, ſuch Principles, and ſuch Perſons, (ſworn to Profeſs and Promote them) heretofore have been, the many ſad and Tragical Examples of depoſed Princes, in the ſix laſt Centuries, can abundantly witneſs, and aſſure us: And how pernicious (for the future) they may be, unleſs (with care and prudence) they be prevented, we, or our Poſterity, may unhappily, and too ſoon ſee. *Dirum omen miſericors, qui ſolus poteſt, averruncet Deus.*

(m) One Article of the *Trent*-Creed is this...*Item OMNIA à Sacris CANONIBUS & Oecumenicis Conciliis definita INDUBITANTER recipio & profiteor... Hanc Catholicam fidem, extra quam non eſt SALUS profiteor, & ab aliis teneri, (quantum in me eſt) curabo.* Ita habent verba Profeſſionis fidei, in Bulla dicta Pii Papæ, 4. Concil. Tridentin. ſeſſ. 25.

5. Laſtly,

5. Laſtly; If we conſult Cardinal (*n*) *Turrecremata* (a very great and learned perſon) who well underſtood their ſacred Canons, and in what ſenſe the Roman Church received them) he, in his Commentary on the Canon before-cited, affirmes, and endeavours to prove theſe following (*o*) Propoſitions.

(*n*) Johan. Card. de Turrecremata, ad Can. alius 3. Cauſ. 15. Quæſt. 6. & in ſumma de Eccleſia, lib. 2. cap. 14, &c.

(*o*) The Cardinals own words are theſe which follow,

I. *The Pope may DEPOSE the Emperor, or a King not ſubject to the Emperor.*

I. *Papa poteſt deponere Imperatorem, aut Regem, qui non ſubeſt Imperatori.*

II. *The Pope may LAWFULLY abſolve Subjects from their Oath of Allegiance.*

II. *Papa LICITE poteſt abſolvere ſubditos à juramento fidelitatis.*

III. *The Pope may depoſe Counts, Dukes, and other Barons, without the Conſent of the Emperor, or thoſe Kings, whoſe Subjects they are.*

III. *Papa poteſt deponere Comites, Duces & alios Barones, ſine conſenſu Imperatorum, aut Regum quibus ſubſunt.*

IV. *Subjects (if they have the Popes conſent)* which they are ſure to have (if it make for his intereſt) *may depoſe their Kings.* This he farther proves, and adds.....*That if the King be a manifeſt Heretick* (as all Proteſtants are with them) *then THE CHURCH may depoſe him.*

IV. *Subditi (ſi habeant aſſenſum Papæ) poſſunt Regem deponere.....Et ſi Rex ſit manifeſtus HÆRETICUS, poteſt ab Eccleſia deponi.*

The Premiſes conſider'd, it will highly concern all Proteſtant Kings and Princes to look to it, who, (as Hereticks) are all damned, and (*p*) Anathematiz'd once every year, on *Maundy-Thurſday*, in their *Bulla Cœnæ Domini.* For, had they of *Rome* power to act according to their Principles, Pretences, and Intereſt, they would make ſhort work, a ſpeedy and thorough Reformation; and compel all Proteſtant (or, as they conſtantly miſcall them,

(*p*) Vid. Bullam dictam à Clemente X. Editam, An 1671. 7. Cal. April. & Pontif. ſui An. 1. in Bullario Rom. Lugduni 1673. p. 528. Sect. 1.

Heretical) Kings and Princes, to quit their Religion, or their Realms and Kingdoms.

Be it concluded then; that (according to the Approved and Received Doctrine of the *Roman Church*) *Kings and Princes* may be *deposed*, and their *subjects absolved* from their *Oaths of Allegiance*. And for the truth of what I here say; we have *the Precept and Practice of three Popes* (*Zachary*, *Gregory* the Seventh, and *Urban* the Second) and *three* (*q*) *Canons* grounded on that *Papal Authority*, received into the Body *of their Canon-Law*: which, when you have occasion, you may (for further satisfaction) consult.

(*q*) Vide Gratian. Can. *Alius.* 3. Can. *Nos Sanctorum.* 4. & Can. *Furatos.* 5. Caus. 15. Quæst. 6.

Now if you inquire, *for what Crimes* Kings may be deposed by the Pope; whether for *Heresie* onely (for that's universally agreed on) or for other Crimes also? *John Semeca* (Author of the Gloss on *Gratian*) gives us *a full and Categorical Answer*. For, 1. He (*r*) proposes the Question: *Pro quo peccato potest Imperator deponi?* For what *Sin can the Emperor be deposed?* (That he may be deposed, is (in that Law) no Question, but an undoubted truth; the Question onely is, for what Crimes it may be done.) And the Answer is.....(*s*) *That he may be deposed for ANY SIN, if he be INCORRIGIBLE; and not onely for his sins, but if he* (*t*) *UNPROFITABLY manage that Regal Power:* And this he proves out of another Canon. This is the *sad condition* of *Kings and Emperors* (by the Popish *Canon-Law*) they may *be deposed* (if they be *incorrigible*) *for ANY SIN*, and sometimes for *no sin*; at least as the *principal cause of their deposition*. Whereas (by the *same Law*)

(*r*) Glossa ad *Can. si Papa* 6. Dist. 40. Verbo. *A fide devius.*

(*s*) *PRO QUOLIBET peccato potest Imperator* deponi, si sit incorrigibilis. Ibidem.

(*t*) *Papa Zacharius Regem Francorum, non tam prosuis iniquitatibus, quam quod tantæ potestatis erat INUTILIS, deposuit.* Can. Alius. 2. Caus. 15. Quæst. 6.

Law) if the *Pope* be ſo (*u*) *prodigiouſly impious*, that he not onely damn himſelf, but carry [*INNUMERABILES POPULOS*] *innumerable people to hell with him*, yet there is *no depoſing*, or *Judging him*. This not only the *Canon in Gratian*, but a long *Annotation* (lately added, ſince *Gratians* time) *approves*, and *confirmes*: and *Pope Gregory* the Thirteenth *approves* both the *Canon*, and *Annotation*, in his (*x*) Bull, I have ſo often mention'd. So that (according to this Law) If the Emperor, or any King, will not be good Boyes, and *obey their Grand Maiſter* (*Dominum DEUM NOSTRUM*, as they call him) the Pope; if they will not *be corrected by him*, and amend what he thinks amiſs (for he is *Supreme* and *Sole Judge* of the *Crime* and *Puniſhment*) Then the *Pope may*, and (if he have ability and opportunity, we may be ſure) *he will depoſe them*.

(*u*) Dicto Can. ſi Papa, 6. Diſt. 40.

(*x*) Bulla Gregorii. 13. Corp. Jur. Can. præfixa.

Thus much (and may be too much) for the Canon-Law; that Sink of Forgeries, Impiety, and Diſloyalty. For I ſcarce know any Book, wherein are more forged Writings (under good names ſometimes) for bad purpoſes; or more Impious Doctrines and Poſitions own'd and authoriz'd for Law, and that by one who pretends (though without, and againſt all reaſon) to be *Chriſt*'s Vicar, and Infallible; or any Book which has more Seditious and Rebellious *Principles of Diſloyalty*. This I onely ſay now, but when I have (what now I want) time, and opportunity; I can, and (Σὺν Θεῷ) will make it good. How dangerous, and (when

believ'd and practis'd) how pernicious to Kings and Princes, the Principles of that Law are, you may (in part) see by the premises: if you desire more, you may (at your leasure) consult, and consider those Places here *mention'd in the Margent* (*a*) with the Gloss and Case upon them; together with Cardinal *Turrecremata*'s Commentary on *Gratians* Decree, and *Panormitan* on the *Decretals* (to omit all other Canonists) you will find Evidence, more than enough, to convince you, out of their own Testimonies, that the Principles of their own Law, as explain'd by their greatest, and best Interpreters, are not onely Dangerous, but Destructive of the Right of Kings, and inconsistent with that Loyalty, which (by the Lawes of *Nature* and *Scripture*) are really due to them.

(*a*) Vide Gratian. Dist. 96. in Lemmate, & Can. 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. Cujus Lemma est *Quod Imperatores debent Pontificibus SUBESSE, non PRÆESSE.* Can. etiam 12. Can. etiam 2, 3, 4 5. Caus. 5. Quæst. 6. & Can. *Excommunicatorum.* 47. Caus. 23. Quæst. 5. & cap. Vergentis, 10. & cap. Excommunic. 13. & cap. absolutos. 16. Extra De Hæreticis, & cap. *Gravem.* 13. Extra de Pœnis. & cap. *Ad Apostolicæ.* 2. De sent. & re Judicata, in 6. & 7 Decret. lib. 2. Tit. 1. cap. 1. Cujus Lemma est *LAICIS in Clericos NULLA POTESTAS.* & 7 Decret. lib. 2. Tit. 2. cap. 2. & ibidem lib. 5. Tit. 3. *De Hæreticis & Schismaticis.* cap. 9, &c. Et cap. *Nimis* 30. Extra *De Jurejurando.* Cujus Lemma est. *Clerici — non tenentur Laicis præstare Juramenta FIDELITATIS*, & cap. *Solicitæ.* 6. Extra *De Major. & Obedientia.*

3. But besides these Testimonies of *particular Writers* of their own Church, and their Approved, and (by Puplick Authority) Establish'd, and *Received Canon-Law*, we have greater and more *Authentick Testimonies*, that in the Popish Church, they both *profess and practice* this impious and rebellious doctrine, of *Anathematizing*, and *Deposing Kings and Emperors*, of giving *away* their Kingdoms to others, and *Absolving their Subjects* from their *Oaths of Allegiance* and *Fidelity*. For their Popes (who are their Supreme and Infallible Judges) testifie as much, in their *Breves* and *Bulls*; and those not forged, or corrupted by *Hereticks*; but Publish'd by themselves, and Printed at *Rome*, in their

their own (z) *Vatican Press.* Where (to omit others) we have,

(z) Vid. Bullarium Romanum, per Cherubinum Romæ ex Typograph. Cameræ Apostolicæ, Anno 1638.

1. The *Bull of Pius the Fifth* against Queen *Elizabeth.* The *Title* prefixed to that impious Bull, is this: (a) *DAMNATIO, & Excommunicatio Elizabethæ, Reginæ Angliæ, eique ADHÆRENTIUM,* Where (in one breath and *Bull*) he Damns that *Innocent Queen*, and all her *Loyal Subjects*, (*Protestants* and *Papists.*) Where (by the way) it is to be consider'd, That if *any Papists* be *Loyal*, (as by the *Law of God and Nature* they ought) to any *Heretical King or Prince*, (and at *Rome*, our Gracious King, and all Protestants are such) it is *reputed their Crime*, and *they Damn'd* at *Rome for it.* For it is not only (*OMNES* (b) *& SINGULOS HÆRETICOS, QUOCUNQUE NOMINE CENSEANTUR.*) All and singular Heretiques, of what sort soever, but also all those, *who RECEIVE, FAVOUR, or DEFEND them.* So that if any *Roman-Catholick Favour*, or (according to his *Natural*, or *Sworn Allegiance*) *Defend* his *Prince*, who is a *Protestant*, (and so a Declared *Heretique*) he is under the same *Anathema* and Condemnation. And this *Anathema* and *Condemnation* of *all Heretiques*, and *all those* who *Favour* or *Defend them*, is solemnly renewed every (c) year at *Rome*, and lately referred into the Body of their (d) *Canon-Law.*

(a) Dicti Bullarii. Tom. 2. p. 229. and in the Edition at Lions. An. 1655. p. 303. It is dated 5. Cal. Maii. 1570. Elizabethæ Anno 13. Till which year all Papists came to our Common-Prayers.

(b) Vide Bullam Clementis 10 dat. Romæ. 7. Cal. April. 1671. in Bullario Cherubini Lugduni. 1673. Tom. 5. p. 528.

(c) In Bulla Cœnæ Domini.

(d) Vid 7. Decret. lib. 5. Tit. 3. cap. 2. & 9. pag. 193. & 203. Edit. Lugd. 1661.

But to proceed: In this Bull of Pope *Pius the Fifth*, which contains the Anathema and Damnation (as 'tis called in the *Lemma* prefix'd to that Bull) of Queen *Elizabeth*; which proved *BRUTUM FULMEN*,

FULMEN, (the good and most gracious GOD blessing what the Pope impiously cursed) we have these Particulars very considerable.

1. The extravagant Power the Pope assumes; when he tells us, That our Blessed Saviour *did constitute Peter*, and by consequence (*e*) *Him*, (as St *Peter's* Successor.).... ...*SUPER OMNES GENTES, & OMNIA Regna PRINCIPEM ut EVELLAT, DESTRUAT, DISSIPET, DISPERDAT*, &c. These are the words of *God to* (*f*) *Jeremy*, (not *Peter* or his Successors) miserably misunderstood and misapplyed by *this Pope* and (*g*) *his Predecessors*. Here is a pretence to a *vast* and *destructive Power*; and though it be a bare pretence, and (without any just ground) irrational and ridiculous; yet let Princes look to it. For when the Popes had Power, they did; and when they have, they will make use of it.

(*e*) *Christus — QUI NOS in hoc SUPREMO JUSTITIÆ THRONO voluit collocare.* Dictæ Bullæ, Sect. 3.

(*f*) Jer. 1. 10.

(*g*) By *Innocent* 3, and yet it goes for Law. Cap: *Solicitæ*, 6. Extra *De Major. & Obed.* and *by Boniface* the 8. cap. *Unam Sanctam*, 1. eodem Tit. Extravag. Com. &c.

2. This premised, he proceeds to his Damnatory Sentence, in these words: (*h*) *We* (saith he) *by the Plenitude of Apostolical Power*, declare *the said* Elizabeth *an Heretick, and both her, and her Adherents, to have incurr'd the Sentence of Excommunication, and to be all cut off from the Unity of the Body of Christ.* But this is not all; He proceeds (very unlike a *Christian*, and what he would be *thought*, Christ's Vicar) to depose her, from all her Royal Dignity, and all that Dominion, to which she had (by Birth,

(*h*) *Nos Apostolicæ potestatis plenitudine declaramus prædictam Elizabetham Hæreticam, eique adhærentes, Anathematis sententiam incurrisse, esseque A CHRISTI CORPORIS UNITATE PRÆCISOS.* Dictæ Bullæ Sect. 3.

Birth, the Law of God, and the Land) a juſt Right, in the following Form----

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believ'd and practis'd) how pernicious to Kings and Princes, the Principles of that Law are, you may (in part) see by the premises: if you desire more, you may (at your leasure) consult, and consider those Places here *mention'd in the Margent* (*a*) with the Gloss and Case upon them; together with Cardinal *Turrecremata*'s Commentary on *Gratians* Decree, and *Panormitan* on the *Decretals* (to omit all other Canonists) you will find Evidence, more than enough, to convince you, out of their own Testimonies, that the Principles of their own Law, as explain'd by their greatest, and best Interpreters, are not onely Dangerous, but Destructive of the Right of Kings, and inconsistent with that Loyalty, which (by the Lawes of *Nature* and *Scripture*) are really due to them.

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I. In the *General* (t) *Council* of *Lions*, (for a *General Council* they do universally *acknowledge* it) Pope *Innocent* the Fourth deposed the *Emperor Frederique* the Second; That he deposed him in that Council, is undeny'd by any I have yet met with; and that it was, *after diligent deliberation had with his Brethren, and the Council*, (u) appears by the form of the Excommunication, registred, and upon Record *in the Body of their Canon-Law*. Where, 1. He (x) *deprives him of all his Honor and Imperial Dignity*. 2. *And then* (y) *absolves all his Subjects from their Oaths of Fidelity*. 3. *And* (z) *Excommunicates all who should acknowledge him King, or Emperor; or should counsel, assist, or favor him.*

II. In the *great Lateran* (a) *Council*, (for so they commonly call it) in which (if they misreckon not) there were no less than 1215. Fathers) it was Synodically and Categorically concluded, That the *Pope might depose Kings, absolve their Subjects from their Oaths of Allegiance, and give away their Kingdoms*. The Series and Sum of the Canon is this; *First*, It is decreed, That *all Secular Powers* shall *expel* all (whom the *Pope and his Party* shall call) *Heretiques*,

(t) It is one of those General Councils, which the *Council of Constance* decreed all future *Popes* should swear to maintain: Sess. 39. In formâ Professionis à Papa faciendæ, p. 150. Edit. 1514.

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(g) Card. Tuſchus, Concluſion. Pract. Juris. Tom. 6. Concluſ. 41. Sect. 40. 41, 61.

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(i) Leo 10. in Concil. Laterano, *Approbante Concilio*, apud Binium Concil. Tom. 9. p. 49. Edit. Paris. Ann. 1636. *REGES PEREMPTORIE REQUIRIMUS*.

(k) *Hæreticos AB ECCLESIA NOTATOS*.

(l) *Si requisitus neglexerit, per Metropolitanum & comprovinciales Episcopos Excommunicationis vinculo innodetur*. They are the words of the Canon.

(m) *Ut ex tunc ipse Papa VASALLOS ab ejus FIDELITATE denunciet ABSOLUTOS, & TERRAM exponant CATHOLICIS OCCUPANDAM*.

So that if the *Pope*, and *a Popish General Council*, very great *for* number, (but as *for Learning and Loyalty little* enough) consisting of 1215. Fathers; I say, if these may be Judges, *Kings* and *Princes* are *Subjects and Slaves* to the *Pope*, who *may COMPEL them* to *expel* as many of *their own Subjects*, as he *shall call* (or *miscall*) *Hereticques*, out of *their Dominions*; and *impose an Oath* upon them, to *bind them* to *obedience*, and unless they *obey such Papal commands*, the Pope may *depose the Prince who disobeys*, *absolve his Subjects from* all *Oaths of Allegiance*, and *his Kingdom* (*forfeited to the Pope* by his *disobedience*) may be *given away*, to any, to whom the *Pope shall please to give it*. Now whether *such impious* and *rebellious Positions* (*approv'd* and *own'd by the Roman Church*, in her *greatest General Councils*, which, *she believes*, (at least would *have us believe*) *infallible*) be not *dangerous* and *pernicious to Princes*, and *destructive* of their *just rights*, let the *World Judge*. I know, that although *the* (n) *Jesuites and Canonists* publickly *approve* and *own* the *Doctrine* of this *Canon* and the *Lateran Council*, and the *consequences of it*; yet some more sober Papists do not: And therefore two Answers (or insignificant shifts) are brought by some, to evade or mollifie, and lessen the impiety of those consequences, which are by Protestants inferr'd from it.

(n) See a Book lately printed, call'd, *The Jesuites Loyalty*. It contains three Letters of a Jesuite, (Father *Ke n*, or *Keins*, (if I forget not) was the Man) in which this Lateral Canon, and all the consequences of it, are approv'ed, and the Popes Power to depose Kings, (out of Popish Authors and Councils) largely, and *datâ Operâ*, proved to be *de fide*.

1. First

1. *Answer.* 1. First then, say they, that the *Lateran Canon* is to be meant *only of Feudatary*, or *Subordinate*, not of *Absolute*, or *Supreme Princes*.

Refutation. But this is an evident mistake of the meaning of the Lateran Canon, and *in terminis*, contradicts the express words and sense of the Canon. For,

1. By the Canon, *All Princes*, (*Supreme and Subordinate*, and *Feudatary*) if they *refuse to expel all Heretiques* out of their Dominions, are to be *Excommunicated* by the *Metropolitan* and the *Bishops* of his *Province*, and then *Depos'd* by the *Pope*: but with this difference express'd in the *Canon*. When any *Subordinate Prince* was Deposed, it was with a (r) *Salvo*, or *Proviso*, for the *Rights* of his *Superior Lord*. The Inferior Lord Deposed, loses only what was his own proper *Right*; his *Superior Lord* loses *nothing*. If the Inferior Lord was to pay any *Rents*, or ought any *Services* to his Supreme Lord, those he did not *forfeit*; but those remain'd *due* (as before) to the Supreme Lord. But on this condition, That the *Supreme Lord himself* did not (*f*) *concur to hinder the expulsion of all Heretiques out of the Dominions of the Feudatary, or Inferior Lord:* that is, if he hindered not the Execution of the Popes commands. For if he did; then even *he* (the *SUPREME LORD*) must be Deposed too, as well as the Inferior Lord. The Law and Decree

(r) *Salvo Jure Dominii Principalis.* They are the words of the third Canon of that *Lateran* Council.

(f) *Dummodo ipse* (*Dominus Principalis*) *nullum præstet obstaculum, &c.* Ibidem.

Decree of that *Council*, involves both the Inferior and Supreme Lords, (if both be *guilty* and *negligent* in expelling Heretiques) in the same Punishments of *Deposition*, and loss of their *Dominions*. For the Canon says, ... (t) *That THE SAME LAW MUST BE OBSERVED CONCERNING THOSE* who (have, and) *have no SUPERIOR LORDS*. That is; the *Supreme Lords*, (be it *King* or *Emperor*) if they Obey not the Pope's command, and effectually *expel* all Heretiques out of *their Dominions*, they must (by *this Canon*) be Deposed.

(t) *EADEM LEGE SERVATA CIRCA EOS, Qui non HABENT DOMINOS PRINCIPALES.* And this impious Doctrine was not only approved by *Honorius* 3. Pope *Innocent* 3. his next Successor, but *approv'd, confirm'd*, and referr'd into the Body of their Canon-Law by *Gregory* 9. cap *Excommunicamus*, 13. Extra. *de Hæreticis*. Afterward *Innocentius* 4. *Anno* 1243. *Alexander* 4. 1258. *Clement* 4. *Anno* 1265. all confirm it, as appears in the *Bullarium Magnum Romanum Lugduni*, 1655. Tom. 1. pag. 109. col. 2. And lest it might be thought that they have alter'd their opinion now, and are become more favourable to Princes, they have lately added the confirmation of it by *Innocentius* 4. to the Body of their Canon-Law, Lugd. 1661. Vid. 7. Decret. Lib. 5. Tit. 3. De Hæret. & Schism. cap. 1, 2.

2. But *admit* (which is evidently *untrue*) that the Canon meant only *Feudatary* and *Inferior Princes* should be Deposed by the Pope. The *mischief* and *injustice is less*, (as a Subordinate *Prince is less than the Supreme*) but *very great*: and (even upon this *false Supposition*) this Power challenged by *the Pope*, (and approved by *the Lateran Canon* and *Council*) will be not only *dangerous*, but *pernicious* to *Subordinate* and *Feudatary Princes*. This is too plain to need any further proof.

2 Answer.

The second Answer *some bring* to what we urge against *Rome* from the Lateran Canon, is this: (*u*) *They deny* that *Council to be a General One*, or (if it were) that *it made any Canons*: and therefore the *Doctrine of that Canon* (whatever it be) cannot be *imputed to the Church of Rome*, as *Approved by it*.

(*u*) The Author of the Answer to *The Jesuites Loyalty*, London, 1678. pag. 12. Father *Preston*, under the name of *Wytherington*, &c.

But

Refut.

But this is as *void of Ground or Truth*, as the former. For this *Lateran Council* (and the Canons of it) have been, and are universally received in the *Church of Rome*, the *Council* as (x) *Oecumenical*, and the Canons attributed to it, as Genuine, and not Suppositious, and Spurious. That this may appear, consider,

1. That *all their Writers de Conciliis* (which I have hitherto met with) do *universally acknowledge* it to have been a *General Council*, and commonly call it, *Concilium Lateranense Magnum*, and cite the Canons attributed to it, as Genuine.
2. All the Popish Writers, who have publish'd the Councils, or Epitome's, and Sum of them, (as *Crabb*, *Surius*, *Binius*, *Joverius*, *Caranza*, *&c.* publish it as a General Council. And *Joverius* confidently says, ... (y) *That he cannot see, with what Face any Man dare deny it to be a General Council.*
3. In their last and best (z) Editions of their Canon-Law, there is (in the beginning) a distinct Catalogue of their General and Provincial Councils, acknowledged to be such, and this *Lateran* is ever reckoned amongst those which they admit as General.
2. There is a commonly received distinction amongst their Writers *de Conciliis*, wherein they (a) tell us, That *Concilia Generalia sunt* 1. *Approbata.* 2. *Reprobata.* 3. *Partim approbata,*

(x) In the Bull by which *Innocent* 3. call'd the Lateran Council, the Title is this,— *Indictio sacri & OECUMENICI Concilii Lateranensis pro.* 1. *die Nov.* 1215. In Bullario. Rom. Tom. 1. pag. 87. Edit. 1655.

(y) *Non video qua fronte audeat quis negare hoc Concilium esse Oecumenicum.* Joverius Concil. Part. 1. pag. 120. in Lemmate Concilio præfixo.

(z) Vid. Edit. Juris Canonici Paris. 1612, & 1618, & Lugduni. 1661. &c.

(a) So *Bellarmine*, *Longus à Coriolano*, *Rives*, &c.

probata, partim reprobata. 4. *Nec approbata nec reprobata*, of which last sort they make the first Council of *Pisa*. Now this *Lateran* Council, (we are speaking of) they always reckon amongst the General Councils of the first Order, or those which are approv'd by their Church. Though this distinction of Councils be ridiculous, and inconsistent with Truth, or their own Principles; as (were it my business now, or pertinent) might evidently be proved: yet (by it) it manifestly appears, that the *Lateran Council* was (in their *Opinion and Judgment*) a *General Council*; which is that for which I produce it. But further, I say,

5. In their own *Canon-Law*, (and as in others before, so in a late and *approved* (b) *Edition* of it) this *Lateran Council* under Pope *Innocent the Third*, is *acknowledged* to be a *General*, or *Oecumenical Council*. For in the *Decretals*, publish'd by the Authority and Command of *Pope* (c) *Gregory the Ninth*, for the *common* (d) *benefit*, and with command *that* (e) *they*, (and *none else* without *Papal Authority*) should be used *by all Judges in Judicature*, and by *Readers of Law in the Universities*; and all this confirm'd by a Bull of (f) *Gregory the Thirteenth*. In the very *first Chapter* of those *Decretals*, the *Lemma*, or *Title* prefix'd to it, is thus: (g) *Innocent the Third, in a General Council*: And that we may be sure, 'tis the *Lateran Council he means*; a (h) great Lawyer in his Annotations, (subjoyn'd to that Bull of *Gregory*

(b) Corpus Juris Canonici Lugduni. 1661.

(c) Vide Bullam Gregorii. 9. Decretalibus præfixam.

(d) *Ad communem maximè studentium Utilitatem.* Ibidem.

(e) *Volentes ut hæc TANTUM compilatione, UNIVERSI utantur, in JUDICIIS & SCHOLIS*, &c. Ibidem.

(f) Bulla hæc Romæ data Anno 1580. Jul. 1. & Corp. Juris Canon. præfixa.

(g) Cap. Firmiter 1. Extra, *De Summa Trinitate.* The Title to that Chapter is this---- *Innocentius* 3. *in Concilio GENERALI.*

(h) Antonius Naldus:---- *Hoc Concilium Romæ in Laterano celebratum, Anno* 1215. *& Innocentii* 3. 18. *assistentibus Hierosol. & Constantinop. Patriarchis, & TOTIUS FERE ORBIS EPISCOPIS*, &c.

the Ninth before mentioned) tells us, *That this Council was held at* Rome, *in the* Lateran, *in the Year* 1215. *in the Eighteenth Year of* Innocent the Third. *The Patriarchs of* Jerusalem *and* Constantinople, *and the Bishops of almost the WHOLE WORLD*, &c. So that if the Title of a Decretal publish'd by *Pope Gregory the Ninth*, or the *Annotation* upon it, by *Naldus* an eminent Lawyer, and the Approbation and Confirmation of both, by Pope *Gregory the Thirteenth*, be true; it will evidently follow, that the Lateran Council was a General or Oecumenical Council. And afterwards, in the same Canon-Law and *Decretals*, we meet with this *Title* to another Chapter;.....(i) *Idem in Concilio Generali.* And it appears, (both by the *former* (k) *Chapters* of that *Title*, and the *Annotation* on this) that *Innocent the Third* was the *Pope*, and that *in the* (l) *Lateran* was the *Council*, which is there call'd *General.* And afterwards (m) *several times* to the very same purpose; especially in the (n) *Fifth Book* of *Gregories Decretals*, and the *Seventh Title*; where this *Impious Canon* (for *Deposing Kings, and Absolving their Subjects from their Oaths of Allegiance*) is intirely *Registred for Law*, referr'd to Pope *Innocent the Third*, in his *Lateran Council*, and that *Council* declared *Oecumenical.*

6. Lastly, To put the matter out of doubt, that the Lateran Council was Oecumenical, and made Canons, the *Council of Constans* does (o) testifie

(i) Cap. Nimis. 30. Extra *De Jurejurando.*

(k) Cap. *Veniens.* 16. attribuitur Innocentio. 3. and so are all the. 13. following, and this 30. of which we now speak.

(l) *Concilium Lateranum sub Innocentio.* 3, so says the Annotation. *ad dictum* cap. 30. lit. C.

(m) Cap. Qualiter. 24 Extra. *De Accusationibus.*

(n) Cap. *Excommunicamus* 13. Extra. *De Hæreticis.* Vid. Lemma dicti Capitis, & Annotat. lit. A.

(o) testifie it several times, and expresly names it amongst those General Councils, to the observation whereof the Popes were to (p) swear, at their coming to the Papal Dignity. And although these Authorities be abundantly sufficient to satisfie our more sober Adversaries; yet I shall add one more, which may (I hope) silence the more Confident. It is the Authority of the (q) *Trent-Council*, which does expresly call it a General Council, and confirms one of its Canons.

(o) Concil. Constant. Sess. 19. pag. 126. Edit. in Octavo. Ann. 1514. & ibid. pag. 280. & pag. 312. In confirmat. Constitutionis Frederici. 2.

(p) Concil. Constant. Sess. 39. in forma Professionis a Papa Electo facienda.

(q) Sess. 24. cap. 5. de Reformat. pag. 290. Edit. Salamant. 1588. *Constitutionem, sub Innocentio 3. in CONCILIO GENERALI, quæ incipit, Qualiter & quando Synodus innovat.*

The sum of this Discourse is; That if the *Concurrent Testimonies*, 1. Of *their own most learned*, and (for Dignity) *most eminent Writers de Conciliis*; 2. Or *their Publishers of their Councils General and Provincial*; 3. Or many *Decrees of their Popes generally approved and received into their Canon-Law*, of the last, and (as they tell us) of the *most correct Editions*; 4. Or of their *General Councils* (for such they esteem them) of *Constance* and *Trent*: I say, if all these be of any validity, (and with them, some of those *Testimonies are infallible*) then it will evidently follow; 1. That this *Lateran Council* under Pope *Innocent the Third*, is (and, with them, must be) an *Oecumenical or General Council*. 2. And so, those *Impious* and *Damnable Positions* in the Third *Canon* of that Council, (1. *That Kings and Emperors may be Excommunicated by their own Bishops for not obeying the Pope*: 2. *And Deposed by the Pope*: 3. *And their Subjects Absolved by him, from their Oaths of Allegiance*: 4. *And their Kingdoms given*

away to those, who *Obey and please the Pope:*) I say, all those *Positions*, must be acknowledged *to be the Doctrines of the Roman Church*, being *Decrees* and *Constitutions* of *her received General Councils*, which she professeth to *be infallible*, and therefore *obliging her* to a *firm belief of them*. 3. This being evidently so, that the *Pope and his Party* (obliged thereunto, by their approved and *received Canon-Law*, and their *General Councils*) *do believe*, and *publickly profess*, such *Impious*, *Traiterous*, and *Damnable Doctrines*; it will be easie for all (who have good Eyes, and will use them) to see, how *Dangerous* and *Pernicious* such Principles are, to all (especially Protestant) Kings, Princes, and their People and Subjects. And that,

1. In point of *Conscience*, and in respect of their Souls and Salvation, if they *believe* and receive such Impious Positions and Principles.
2. In point of Civil Prudence, in respect of their Persons, Honors and Estates, if they receive them not.

1. In *point of Conscience*, if they *submit to the Pope*, and *believe* and *receive* such Heretical Positions, and Damnable Doctrines, it must of necessity, be Dangerous and Pernicious to their Souls. For this Argument will be both consequent, and evident: *To believe Heretical and Damnable Opinions and Doctrines, is Dangerous and Pernicious to the Soul*; (this all Sides confess:) *But to believe that the*

the Pope can Excommunicate and Depose Kings, absolve their Subjects, from their Oaths of Allegiance, so as they may (†) *lawfully murder and kill their Kings so Excommunicated and Deposed, is Heretical and Damnable Doctrine*; as is declared in a great and full Parliament (*a*) on occasion of that horrid and bloody Gun-powder-Treason, in the Fifth year of King *James*) In the *Oath of Allegiance* which Oath, not onely you and I, but all the Clergy, the Nobility, Magistrates, all Graduates in the *University*, &c. have (or should have) taken, and so (by a Solemn, and *Sacred Oath*) have *Sworn* such doctrine to *be Impious, Damnable, and Heretical.* Other Arguments I need not *use to you*, (or *any who love truth, and the Church of England*) to prove the error and impiety of such Opinions, and the danger those poor deluded Souls are in, who believe and practice them. The πρῶτον ψεῦδος, the Original Error, from which the rest follow, is that vast Supremacy, which the Pope (as *Peters* Successor) challengeth, and (when he has ability) Usurps over Kings. A power St. *Peter* never had, nor pretended to; who knew no power in himself, or any other meer Man, superior to Kings. (*b*) *Submit your selves* (sayes he) *to every humane Ordinance, whether to the KING AS SUPREME*, &c. He who sayes, the *KING IS SUPREME*, does with the same breath (and undeniable consequence) say, he has no Superior. It being a manifest contradiction, to say, any thing is *SUPERIOR* to that which is *Supreme*. St. *Peter* commands all *to SUBMIT themselves* to their Kings (and there were none then but

(†) I say, Lawfully; according to their Popish Principles. For, 1. They say, It is not Treason to kill such a King after deposition, for he is not King then, nor his People (absolved from their Oaths of Fidelity) Subjects. Nor is it Murder; for their Supreme and infallible Judge, the Pope, has determin'd and made it Law; *NON SUNT HOMICIDÆ, qui adversus Excommunicatos, ZELO MATRIS ECCLESIÆ ARMANTUR, EOSQUE TRUCIDANT.* This is the determination of Pope *Urban* the Second. And it is Law in Gratian, cap. Excommunicatorum 47. Caus. 23. Quæst. 5.

(a) *I do from my heart abjure and detest, as Impious and Heretical, that Damnable Doctrine and Position; That Princes, that are Excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, may be Deposed or Murdered by their Subjects, or any other.* So the Oath in the Statute. 5. Jac. Cap. 4.

(*b*) 1 *Pet.* 2. 13. This place troubled Pope *Innocent* the 3d; and if you will consult and consider his ridiculous, as well as erroneous Exposition of it, you will have reason to think him a Fool, rather than Infallible: and yet it is in their Canon-Law. Cap. *Solicitæ.* 6. Extra. *De Majoritate & Obedientia.*

but Pagan and Idolatrous Princes) and obey them as SUPREME Governors; the Pope commands Subjects to disobey their Kings (if he miscall them Hereticks) to refuse any assistance or subjection to them, to take Armes against them, and tells them, that if (in zeal to the Catholick Cause) they (†) kill them (or any Heretique) it is no Murder: and threatens them with Excommunication, if they do not what he commands them. Now, let any sober person tell me, whether they can (in this case) disobey the Apostle, and obey these impious commands of the Pope, without great and apparent danger to their Soules? Our blessed Saviour (whose Vicar the Pope pretends to be) does himself pay *Tribute* (*a*) *to Cæsar* (though a Pagan and Idolater) leaving us an admirable and most pious example of that Obedience and Loyalty due, even to impious and Pagan Princes: nor is this all; for he further gives *express command*, *That all should render unto* (*b*) *CÆSAR THE THINGS WHICH ARE CÆSARS.* He acknowledgeth the Imperial Rights of *Cæsar*, of which his Impiety and *Idolatry* (*c*) *did not deprive him.* St. *Paul* (both by his *practice* and *precept*) confirms the same doctrine. 1. He acknowledges the Emperors *power superior to his* (though he was an Apostle, (*d*) *not inferior to Peter* or any Apostle, which he twice affirms to the *Corinthians*) *I stand at* Cæsars (*e*) *Judgment-Seate* (saith he) *WHERE I OUGHT TO BE JUDGED; if I have done any thing worthy of DEATH:* he pleaded *no exemption* from the *Jurisdiction of the Civil Magistrate*, in a *Criminal Cause* (as now *every*

(†) *Non sunt homicidæ, qui adversus excommunicatos, zelo matris Ecclesiæ armantur.* Lemma ad dictum. cap. 47. Caus. 23, Quæst. 5.

(*a*) Math. 17. 27. Vid. Rob. Abbot. *de Suprema potestate Regia Prælect.* 4. p. 38.

(*b*) Marc. 12. 17.

(*c*) *Dominium non fundatur in gratia*, &c.

(*d*) οὐδὲν ὑστέρησα τῶν ὑπερλίαν Ἀποστόλων, &c. *In NOTHING short of the VERY CHIEFEST Apostles.* 2 Cor. 11. 5. & 12. vers. 11.

(*e*) Acts 25. 10. 11.

(*f*) *Popish*

(f) *Popish Bishop does* (as by *their Law they may*) but he confesseth the *Superiority* of the *Civil Power*, *and Appeales* to it (g) *I APPEAL TO CÆSAR*, (sayes he.) 'Tis evident, that all Appeales are from an Inferior, to a Superior Judge, and one who has Jurisdiction over the Apellant, and cognizance of the crime, and therefore *Paul* appealing to *Cæsar*, does (*ipso facto*) acknowledge him his legal and superior Judge. So far was St. *Paul* from believing those Popish and Rebellious Principles, and from Disloyalty, or Disobedience to that Imperial (though Pagan) Power, under which he lived; that he publickly acknowledged, and humbly submitted to it. 2. Nor was he onely in his own person obedient, and a loyal subject to the Emperor, but (Writing to the *Romans*) he did, as an Apostle of *Jesus Christ*, *command them also to* be Loyal and Obedient (h) *Let every Soul* (every (i) Man) *be subject to the higher* (the (k) Supreme) *Powers*, &c. And then he adds (l) *That they should render to them*, *TRIBUTE*, *CUSTOM*, *FEAR*, *HONOR*, *and ALL THEIR DUES*. By *supreme* (m) *powers* here, he means men possessing Supreme Power; and the Supreme power under which he and the *Romans* then were, was *Nero*, a *most impious Pagan*, and *persecuter of Christ and Christians*; and yet *every soul* within his Empire (even *Peter* as well as *Paul*) was (by the *Law of God* and *the Gospel*) to be *subject to him*, to *fear*, *honor*, pay him *Tribute* and Loyally *obey him*. As, (by the *before-said Examples* and *precepts of* St. *Paul*, and *our blessed Saviour*) evidently appears. Now your *Popish Doctrine*, and (by them

(f) Concil. Tridentinum. Sect. 24. Cap. 5. *De Reformatione.*

(g) Act. 25. 11. vid. R. Abbott De suprema potestat. Regia Prælect. 60. pag. 60. 61.

(h) Rom. 13. 1.

(i) Gen. 46. 27. Levit. 22. 3. 6. 11.

(k) ὑπερέχουσαι, *supremæ* 1 Pet. 2. 13. It is the same word in *Peter* and *Paul* too.

(l) Rom. 13. 7.

(m) For ἐξουσίαι, Vers. 1 are Ἄρχοντες, Vers. 3. and Διάκονοι τοῦ Θεοῦ, Vers. 4.

them) *Approved Principles* contradicts *all this*; and let St. *Peter*, *Paul* and our blessed Saviour say, or do what they will; let them *acknowledge Cæsars Supreme Power*, and *command obedience* to him (though a Pagan) and *submit to his power themselves*: yet at *Rome*, they acknowledge *NO SUPREME POWER but the POPE*; whom (as I have before (*n*) shew'd) they make vastly *superior, and greater then Kings*; so that (when *he thinks fit*) he may *depose a King*, or Supreme Prince, and command their Subjects (upon pain of Excommunication, and an Anathema) to pay them no *Tribute*, *Fear*, *or Honor*, *nor* (*o*) *OBEY ANY OF THEIR COMMANDS*. For such is the stile of their Anathema's and Damnatory Bulls, particularly of that, wherein Pope *Pius* the Fifth deposeth Q. *Elizabeth*, quoted in the Margent. This premised, as *evidently certain*; be *you judge*, whether it be not *a great crime* and *crying sin*, for any *Subjects to believe this rebellious and Popish doctrine*, against the *express command of our blessed Saviour* and *his Apostles* in the Gospel? And if it be (as undeniably it is) then it is *as certain*, that the *belief and practice* of such *doctrine and principles*, is not *onely dangerous*, but (without *repentance*) *pernicious* and *damnable* to those miserably deluded Souls, who do so believe and practice it.

And it is considerable, and *undeniably certain*, that their *Popish Doctrine*, and *received principles*, do not onely *approve the Excommunication and Deposition of Kings*, the *Absolution of their Subjects* from *their Oathes of Allegiance*, their *Prohibition* of them to *obey the Laws or Commands* of their *Princes so deposed*, that

(*n*) See the place before-cited, Cap. *Solicit*, 6. Extrâ *De Major. & Obedient.* where Pope *Innocent* the Third says, That the *Papal Power* is greater than the *Imperial*, as much as the *Sun* is greater *than the Moon*. The Glosse there says; He is 47 times greater; The Note in the Margent says 57 times; but (upon mature consideration, no doubt) The Addition there, says the Papal Power is 7744. times greater than the Imperial.

(*o*) *Præcipimus universis subditis, ne illi ejusve mandatis aut legibus audeant obedire, qui secus egerint, Anathematis sententiâ innodamus.* Ita Bulla Pii 5. de Damnat. Elizab. Anno 1570. Eliz. 13. In Bullario Romano. Lugd. 1655. Tom. 2. p. 303. Sometimes they are forbid, in such Bulls; *Ne consilium, Juvamen Operæ, Operamve aliquatenus impendant Regi deposito.* So in the deposition of the Emperor *Friderique* the Second. In Bullario dicto. Tom. 1. p. 106. Col. 1.

that they *may take Arms*, and innocently *Kill all Heretiques*, (*Princes* or *People.*) But they are *encouraged to do this*, (by their *Popes Decretals*, approved and received (*p*) *for Law*, in the *Body of their Canon-Law*, in the last, and (as they say) the most correct Editions of that Law, approved and established by the Bull and Authority of *Gregory the Thirteenth*) with the *Promise of Heaven and Eternal Life*, if they die in the War against the *Enemies of the Roman Faith*, *Heretiques and Infidels*. This was a *fair promise*; but *Pope Innocent the Third*, (Popes having for some Ages been liberal in promising what they had no power to give) *promises more*; for besides a *Plenary Remission of Sins*, he promises, not *only Heaven*, but a (*q*) *greater degree of Glory in it*, to the Crusado's, the *Crucisignati*, Soldiers marked with a Cross: who (as it was pretended) were raised, to recover the Holy Land from the *Saracens*; but they, or some with the like indulgence, imploy'd to Murder the poor (*r*) *Waldenses*, which with barbarous and inhumane cruelty they did. Now how dangerous to the Soul, Sin so encourag'd must be, a weak-sighted Man may easily see, without Spectacles or further proof. Be it concluded then; such *Popish Principles* (when *believ'd and practic'd*) are not only *dangerous to the Soul*, but *pernicious*, and (without *repentance*) *destructive of Salvation.*

2. But, besides that such *Popish Doctrines* and *Principles* (in *point of Conscience*) are *dangerous to the Soul*, and (without *true repentance*) *destructive*

(*p*) Vid. Gratian. Can. *Omnium* 46. Caus. 23. Quæst. 5. & ibid. Can. *Omni timore* 9. Quæst. 8. Vid. Glossam & Turrecrematam ad dictos Canones.

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but Pagan and Idolatrous Princes) and obey them as SUPREME Governors; the Pope commands Subjects to disobey their Kings (if he miscall them Hereticks) to refuse any assistance or subjection to them, to take Armes against them, and tells them, that if (in zeal to the Catholick Cause) they (†) kill them (or any Heretique) it is no Murder: and threatens them with Excommunication, if they do not what he commands them. Now, let any sober person tell me, whether they can (in this case) disobey the Apostle, and obey these impious commands of the Pope, without great and apparent danger to their Soules? Our blessed Saviour (whose Vicar the Pope pretends to be) does himself pay *Tribute* (*a*) *to Cæsar* (though a Pagan and Idolater) leaving us an admirable and most pious example of that Obedience and Loyalty due, even to impious and Pagan Princes: nor is this all; for he further gives *express command*, *That all should render unto* (*b*) *CÆSAR THE THINGS WHICH ARE CÆSARS.* He acknowledgeth the Imperial Rights of *Cæsar*, of which his Impiety and *Idolatry* (*c*) *did not deprive him.* St. *Paul* (both by his *practice* and *precept*) confirms the same doctrine. 1. He acknowledges the Emperors *power superior to his* (though he was an Apostle, (*d*) *not inferior to Peter* or any Apostle, which he twice affirms to the *Corinthians*) *I stand at* Cæsars (*e*) *Judgment-Seat* (saith he) *WHERE I OUGHT TO BE JUDGED*; *if I have done any thing worthy of DEATH*: he pleaded *no exemption* from the *Jurisdiction of the Civil Magistrate*, in a *Criminal Cause* (as now *every*

(†) *Non sunt homicidæ, qui adversus excommunicatos, zelo matris Ecclesiæ armantur.* Lemma ad dictum. cap. 47. Caus. 23, Quæst. 5.

(*a*) Math. 17. 27. Vid. Rob. Abbot. *de Suprema potestate Regia Prælect.* 4. p. 38.

(*b*) Marc. 12. 17.

(*c*) *Dominium non fundatur in gratia*, &c.

(*d*) Οὐδὲν ὑστέρησα τῶν ὑπερλίαν Ἀποστόλων, &c. *In NOTHING short of the VERY CHIEFEST Apostles.* 2 Cor. 11. 5. & 12. vers. 11.

(*e*) Acts 25. 10. 11.

(*f*) Popish

(f) *Popish Bishop does* (as by *their Law they may*) but he confesseth the *Superiority* of the *Civil Power, and Appeales* to it (g) *I APPEAL TO CÆSAR*, (sayes he.) 'Tis evident, that all Appeales are from an Inferior, to a Superior Judge, and one who has Jurisdiction over the Apellant, and cognizance of the crime, and therefore *Paul* appealing to *Cæsar*, does (*ipso facto*) acknowledge him his legal and superior Judge. So far was St. *Paul* from believing those Popish and Rebellious Principles, and from Disloyalty, or Disobedience to that Imperial (though Pagan) Power, under which he lived; that he publickly acknowledged, and humbly submitted to it. 2. Nor was he onely in his own person obedient, and a loyal subject to the Emperor, but (Writing to the *Romans*) he did, as an Apostle of *Jesus Christ*, *command them also to* be Loyal and Obedient (h) *Let every Soul* (every (i) Man) *be subject to the higher* (the (k) Supreme) *Powers*, &c. And then he adds (l) *That they should render to them*, *TRIBUTE*, *CUSTOM*, *FEAR*, *HONOR*, *and ALL THEIR DUES*. By *supreme* (m) *powers* here, he means men possessing Supreme Power; and the Supreme power under which he and the *Romans* then were, was *Nero*, a *most impious Pagan*, and *persecuter of Christ and Christians*; and yet *every soul* within his Empire (even *Peter* as well as *Paul*) was (by (the *Law of God* and *the Gospel*) to be *subject to him*, to *fear*, *honor*, pay him *Tribute* and Loyally *obey him*. As, (by the *before-said Examples* and *precepts of* St. *Paul*, and *our blessed Saviour*) evidently appears. Now your *Popish Doctrine*, and (by them

(f) Concil. Tridentinum. Sect. 24. Cap. 5. *De Reformatione.*

(g) Act, 25. 11. vid. R. Abbott De suprema potestat. Regia Prælect. 60. pag. 60, 61.

(h) Rom. 13. 1.

(i) Gen. 46. 27. Levit. 22. 3. 6. 11.

(k) ὑπερεχούσαι, *supremæ* 1 Pet. 2, 13. It is the same word in *Peter* and *Paul* too.

(l) Rom. 13, 7.

(m) For ἐξουσίαι, Vers. 1 are Ἀρχοντες, Vers. 3. and διάκονοι τῦ Θεῦ, Vers. 4.

them) *Approved Principles* contradicts *all this*; and let St. *Peter*, *Paul* and our blessed Saviour say, or do what they will; let them *acknowledge Cæsars Supreme Power*, and *command obedience* to him (though a Pagan) and *submit to his power themselves*: yet at *Rome*, they acknowledge *NO SUPREME POWER but the POPE*; whom (as I have before (*n*) shew'd) they make vastly *superior, and greater then Kings*; so that (when *he thinks fit*) he may *depose a King*, or Supreme Prince, and command their Subjects (upon pain of Excommunication, and an Anathema) to pay them no *Tribute, Fear, or Honor, nor* (*o*) *OBEY ANY OF THEIR COMMANDS*: For such is the stile of their Anathema's and Damnatory Bulls, particularly of that, wherein Pope *Pius* the Fifth deposeth Q. *Elizabeth*, quoted in the Margent. This premised, as *evidently certain*; be *you judge*, whether it be not *a great crime* and *crying sin*, for any *subjects to believe this rebellious and Popish doctrine*, against the *express command of our blessed Saviour* and *his Apostles* in the Gospel? And if it be (as undeniably it is) then it is *as certain*, that the *belief and practice* of such *doctrine and principles*, is not *onely dangerous*, but (without *repentance*) *pernicious* and *damnable* to those miserably deluded Souls, who do so believe and practice it.

And it is considerable, and *undeniably certain*, that their *Popish Doctrine*, and *received principles*, do not onely *approve the Excommunication and Deposition of Kings*, the *Absolution of their Subjects* from *their Oathes of Allegiance*, their *Prohibition* of them to *obey the Laws or Commands* of their *Princes so deposed*, that

(*n*) See the place before-cited, Cap. *Solicit.* 6. Extrâ *De Major. & Obedient.* where Pope *Innocent* the Third says, That the *Papal Power* is greater than the *Imperial*, as much as the *Sun* is greater *than the Moon*. The Glosse there says; He is 47 times greater; The Note in the Margent says 57 times; but (upon mature consideration, no doubt) The Addition there, says the Papal Power is 7744. times greater than the Imperial.

(*o*) *Præcipimus universis subditis, ne illi ejusve mandatis aut legibus audeant obedire, qui secus egerint, Anathematis sententia innodamus.* Ita Bulla Pii 5. de Damnat. Elizab. Anno 1570, Eliz. 13. In Bullario Romano. Lugd. 1655. Tom. 2. p. 303. Sometimes they are forbid, in such Bulls; *Ne consilium, Juvamen Opem, Operamve aliquatenus impendant Regi depositio.* So in the deposition of the Emperor *Friderique* the Second. In Bullario dicto. Tom. 1. p. 106. Col. 1.

that they *may take Arms*, and innocently *Kill all Heretiques*, (*Princes* or *People.*) But they are *encouraged to do this*, (by their *Popes Decretals*, approved and received (*p*) *for Law*, in the *Body of their Canon-Law*, in the last, and (as they say) the most correct Editions of that Law, approved and established by the Bull and Authority of *Gregory the Thirteenth*) with the *Promise of Heaven and Eternal Life*, if they die in the War against the *Enemies of the Roman Faith*, *Heretiques and Infidels*. This was a *fair promise*; but *Pope Innocent the Third*, (Popes having for some Ages been liberal in promising what they had no power to give) *promises more*; for besides a *Plenary Remission of Sins*, he promises, not *only Heaven*, but a (*q*) *greater degree of Glory in it*, to the Crusado's, the *Crucisignati*, Soldiers marked with a Cross: who (as it was pretended) were raised, to recover the Holy Land from the *Saracens*; but they, or some with the like indulgence, imploy'd to Murder the poor (*r*) *Waldenses*, which with barbarous and inhumane cruelty they did. Now how dangerous to the Soul, Sin so encourag'd must be, a weak-sighted Man may easily see, without Spectacles or further proof. Be it concluded then; such *Popish Principles* (when *believ'd and practic'd*) are not only *dangerous to the Soul*, but *pernicious*, and (without *repentance*) *destructive of Salvation.*

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of Salvation; they are also (if consider'd *in Civil Prudence*) dangerous and *pernicious to Princes*, and *Supreme Powers*; depriving them (when put in execution) of all their *Honors*, *Estates*, and *Lives too*. The truth of this is (without further proof) notorious, by the sad and miserable Ruines of many great Princes, caus'd by Popes and their Party, who approv'd and practic'd such Rebellious Popish Principles, as we are speaking of. I say, the ruine of great Princes.

1. Before the Reformation, (who were no Protestants) and some since, who were Papists too.

2. Since the Reformation, who were indeed Protestants, or as such (or favorers of them) Excommunicated, and deprived of their Crowns and Kingdoms; though the Excommunications did prove *bruta fulmina*, vain and ineffectual, and did not that mischief, which their impious Author intended: for which we are to thank the good Providence of Heaven, and not the Pope.

1. For the first; Authentique Stories tell us, that Pope (*f*) *Zachary* Deposed *Childerick* (or *Chilperick*) King of *France*, about the middle of the Eighth Century. 2. *Gregory the Seventh* Deposeth *Henry the Fourth*, and causeth great and miserable Rebellions and Bloodshed in the Roman Empire, in the Eleventh Century. 3. Pope *Sylvester the Third*,

(*f*) And a little before him, Pope *Gregory* 2. Deposed the Emperor *Leo Isaurus*, because he was against Images, which was *Anno* 729. Vid. Baron. Annal. ad Annum 730. Num. 5. Where he has this Note concerning that Emperors Deposition:----*Sic exemplum posteris DIGNUM reliquit Gregorius; ne in Ecclesia Christi REGNARE SINE RENTUR HÆRETICI PRINCIPES.* The Cardinal every where highly approves this Doctrine, &c. Vid. Baron. ad Ann. 593. Num. 86.

Third, in the Twelfth Century, Excommunicates the Emperor *Henry the Fifth*, *Et Magnas turbas in Germania excitat* (says *Urspergensis.*) 4. Pope *Innocent the Third* Excommunicates *Otto the Fourth*, in the beginning of the Thirteenth Century. 5. *Innocent the Fourth*, in the same Century, Deposed the Emperor *Frederick the Second.* In short, (to omit many others) the barbarous Murders of *Henry the Third and Fourth* of *France*, have been, and most justly were, and will be imputed to these Popish Principles, in the belief of which, those impious Assassins were confirm'd and Catechiz'd. Sure I am, that Pope *Sixtus the Fifth* did approve and highly magnifie the impious Fact of *Jaques Clement* the Dominican, who was the Murderer of *Henry the Third*, in that *famous* (and *impious*) (*t*) *Speech* of his, made to his Cardinals (no doubt as well pleased as the Pope) in the Consistory; and afterwards Publish'd and Printed at *Rome*: An evident Argument, that they were not (though great reason they should have been) asham'd of it: for certainly they would never have Printed what they did not approve.

(*t*) This Speech of *Sixtus* 5. was Printed at *Paris*, *An.* 1589. according to the Latin Copy printed at *Rome*, as is attested by three Doctors of the *Sorbon.*

2. But although the Popish Positions and Principles we are speaking of, are dangerous to all Supreme Powers, (even Roman Catholiques, as appears by what is already said) yet more especially to all Protestant Princes and People: For,

1. All *Protestant* (*Kings and Subjects*) being *declared Heretiques*, are Excommunicated, and

solemnly (a) Curſed by Pope *Paul the Fourth*, about 120 years ago; and that we may *take notice of it*, it is *lately referr'd* into the *Body (b) of their Canon-Law*. Now this Excommunication contains many conſiderable particulars, As, 1. All *Heretiques, of what dignity (c) ſoever, Barons, Earls, Marqueſſes, Dukes, Kings*, and *Emperors*: none excepted, they are all involved in the ſame Curſe and Anathema. 2. Nor is it onely thoſe Heretiques who then were in being, but *ALL alſo, which (d) AFTERWARDS SHOULD BE.* So that our *gracious King* and his *Proteſtant ſubjects* now, are as much under the *Curſe*, as Q. *Elizabeth and her ſubjects* were, in the *Firſt of her Reign*, when that Bull *was firſt* publiſh'd. 3. Nor was this Bull *raſhly made*, but *after (e) mature deliberation with the Cardinals, and by their Counſel, and unanimous conſent.* It was (it ſeems) a premeditated and deliberate, as well as an Impious Act they were about; for impious it was, and by all ſober and impartial Judges, ever will be thought ſo. 4. The *puniſhments* which this Bull tyes upon Heretiques, are *(f) Excommunication, Suſpenſion, Deprivation*, and all *other puniſhments*, which *any Pope*, in *any Papal Canon* or *Conſtitution* (howſoever made) denounced againſt Heretiques; all which Canons and Conſtitutions he approves, confirms, and will have *PERPETUALLY obſerved.* 5. And for *Kings (g) and Emperors* (the ſame is for Barons, Earls, Marquiſſes,

(a) The form of that *Excommunication* is now extant in the Body of their Law, lib. 7. Decret. lib. 5. Tit. 3. De Hæreticis & Schiſm. cap. 5.

(b) The Bull of Excommunication is dated at *Rome*, An. 1558. which was 1 *Elizabethæ.*

(c) *Quacunque dignitate, etiam Comitali, Baronali, Marchionali, Ducali, Regia, ſeu Imperiali præfulgeant.*

(d) *Quicunque HACTENUS à fide deviarunt, ſeu INPOSTERUM deviabunt, ſeu in Hæreſin incident*, &c.

(e) *Habitâ cum Card. deliberatione matura, & de eorum Conſilio, & Unanimi aſſenſu*, &c.

(f) Omnes Suſpenſionis, Excommunicationis, Interdicti, Privationis pœnas, à QUIBUSVIS Rom. Pontificibus, aut pro TALIBUS HABITIS, per eorum literas Extravagantes, ſeu in Conſiliis ſeu Patrum Decretis & Canonibus QUOMODOLIBET contra Hæreticos Latas, approbamus, innovamus, & PERPETUO OBSERVARI Volumus, *&c.*

(g) *Regnis & Imperio PENITUS & IN TOTUM, PERPETUO ſint PRIVATI, & ad illa de cætero inhabiles & INCAPACES*, &c.

Marquisses and Dukes) they are *TOTALLY* and *FOR EVER DEPRIVED* of their *Kingdomes and Empires*, and made *incapable* ever to enjoy them. The same Censure passeth upon Bishops, Archbishops, which were *Heretiques then*, when the Curse was publish'd, (*vel in posterum in Hæresin incident*) or for the *future EVER SHOULD BE Heretiques*. Nor is this Constitution (which denounceth this Curse) temporary; But *CONSTITUTIO IN PERPETUUM VALITURA*, a Constitution and a Curse to be in force, and effectual against Heretiques, for ever. Nor is there any need, of any Legal Process to convict any person of Heresie, before the Curse come upon him: but, *EO IPSO ABSQUE ALIQUO JURIS VEL FACTI MINISTERIO* (they are the words of this impious Excommunication) All *Heretiques*, by *being so*, without *any accusation, or legal conviction*, are *actually under that curse:* So that our *gracious King*, all his *Protestant Nobility*, all *Archbishops* and *Bishops*, *Eorum etiam (h) receptatores, fautores*, &c. and all who shall receive, or any way favor them, stand *actually Excommunicated* and *Accursed*. And here I desire to know of our Papists, who do (as much as any) pretend to Loyalty; do they (as good subjects should) favor their King, or do they not? If not, then they neither are, nor can be good subjects: If they do, then they disobey their Supreme and Infallible Judges, and are (as well as we) under

(h) Vid. Constit. 34. Clementis Papæ 10. which next follows, & Alexandri 7. Constit. 16. dat. Romæ, Anno 1656. In Bullario Romano, Tom. 4. p. 218. where we are referr'd to many more such forms of Excommunications.

der the Excommunication and the Popes Curſe, and ſo no members of their ſo much (and with ſo little reaſon) magnify'd *Roman* Church.

2. But leſt this Excommunication and Curſe might not prove ſo effectual as they deſire, to blaſt all Proteſtants (which they make, for they are not ſo, the worſt of all Heretiques) the Curſe, to make Sure Work (as they think, and would have it) is ſolemnly renewed every year, in that famous (and impious) *Bulla (a) Cœnæ Domini*, read every year on *Maundy-Thurſday*. Wherein all Proteſtants are (by name) curs'd, whether Princes or People. *We (b) Excommunicate and Curſe* (ſayes the Pope in that Bull) *All Huſſites, Wickliffiſts, Lutherans, Zwinglians, Calviniſts, Hugonots*, &c. *And whoſoever ſhall RECEIVE, DEFEND, or FAVOR them.* And here again, it will *concern our Roman Catholicks* ſeriouſly to *conſider*, into *what ſtraits*, the *ambition and unparallel'd pride of their Popes*, has *brought them*. For if (*according to their duty*) *they defend their King*, they are *curſed at Rome*. And if they do *not defend him*, then they do *not perform that duty of Allegiance and Fidelity* to their *King*, to which (by *the Law of God and Nature*) they are *indiſpenſably bound*, and ſo will be (*according to their deſert*) *accurſed in Heaven*. And here, It is a ſhort Queſtion which they are concern'd to Anſwer; Whether

(a) A Form of this Bull we have in Bullar. Roman. Tom. 4. p. 528. Conſtit. 34. Clement. 10. An. 1671.

(b) *Excommunicamus & Anathematizamus, ex parte Dei, & authoritate Petri & Pauli, ac noſtra, quoſcunque Huſſitas, Wickliffiſtas, Lutheranos, Zuinglianos, Calviniſtas, Ugonottos*, &c. *Eorumque receptatores, fautores, & defenſores.*

Whether they resolve *to obey God*, *or the Pope.*

3. But this is not all; for after *this Excommunication and Curse* laid upon all *Protestant Princes*, after their *deposition* and *total deprivation* of all their *royal power and dignity*, and a *perpetual incapacity brought* upon them, *disabling them* for ever to return *to those lost rights:* another *Curse* is *consequent*, and *immediately follows* such *Excommunication:* Their Subjects are declared *free from all Obligations of Loyalty and Fidelity*, due to *such Princes*, while they stand Excommunicate. This the *Decretal* of *Pope* (c) *Honorius* the Third, (and 'tis *made* (d) *Law* by Pope *Gregory* the Ninth, and *approved* and *confirmed by Pope* (e) Gregory *the Thirteenth*) tells us, *That while any* (f) *Lord remains Excommunicate, his SUBJECTS OWE HIM NO ALLEGIANCE or FIDELITY.* That's the Title: and then it follows *in the Decretal*, (speaking of *a Count who* was *Excommunicate*) that the *Pope commands those to whom he writes*, That *they should* (g) *declare* to the *Subjects of that Excommunicated Count*, that they were *FULLY ABSOLVED FROM THEIR OATH OF FIDELITY while their Lord continued Excommunicate.* How *dangerous this Doctrine* may be, to our *Gracious King*, and all *Protestant Princes*, (who stand actually *Excommunicated at Rome*) and how *little trust* they can repose in *their Popish Subjects*, I need not tell you:

(c) Honorius 3. Præposito Archidiac. & H. Canonico Sueſſion.

(d) Cap. *Gravem*, 13. Extra *De Pœnis.*

(e) In Bulla, Corp. Juris Can. præfixâ.

(f) *Domino Excommunicato Manente, SUBDITI FIDELITATEM NON DEBENT.* So the Lemma, or Title of that 13 Chapter.

(g) *Fideles ipſius (quamdiu in Excommunicatione perſtiterint) ab ejus FIDELITATIS JURAMENTO denuncietis PENITUS ABSOLUTOS.* They are the words of the Law; and if you conſult the Gloſs and Card. *Turrecramata*'s Commentary upon it, you may find more to that Purpoſe.

you: Seeing *such subjects*, by their *Authentique laws*, and the *declared* and *definitive sentence* of their *supreme and Infallible Judge*, are *assured* that they *owe no Allegiance* or *Fidelity* to their *Excommunicated Soveraigns*.

4. *Nor is this all*; for there is (at least in the *judgment and belief of our Adversaries*) a far *greater and more pernicious consequent* and *effect* of their *Excommunication* and *Curse of Protestant Princes*. For the *mischiefs* of their *Excommunications* hitherto *mention'd*, are *onely temporal*, (though the *greatest in that kind possible*) as loss of their *Royal Power*, *Livelyhood*, and *Life it self*. But they say, there is an other, a Spiritual effect, which concerns the Soul, and is the greatest mischief and misery it is capable of. For they say, that *Heretiques* (*Protestants*, with them are declared such) dying *Excommunicate*, (*as all good Protestants* do) are *eternally damn'd*. For, 1. A very *great* (*h*) *Canonist* of our *own Nation* (while *Popery unhappily prevailed here*) tells us; *that every Excommunicated person is a MEMBER OF THE DEVIL*: And for further *proof of this*, he cites *Gratian*, and the (*i*) Canon-Law. And a far greater Author than *Lindewood*, or *Gratian*, and (in our dayes) long after them, more plainly tells us: (*a*) that Pope *Gregory the Seventh did not onely depose the Emperor* Henry the Fourth, *but Excommunicate*, *and DECREE HIM TO BE ETER-*

(*h*) *Excommunicatus est MEMBRUM DIABOLI.* Lindewood in Glossâ, ad Cap. *Seculi Principes.* Verbo *Reconciliationis.* De *Immunitate Ecclesiæ.*

(*i*) Gratian. Can. Omnis Christianus 32. Caus. 11. Quæst. 3.

(*a*) *Non modo deponi, sed etiam excommunicari, & in ÆTERNO EXAMINE DAMNARI DECREVIT.* Baron. Annal. Tom. 8. ad Annum Chrsti 593. Num. 86.

ETERNALLY DAMN'D. And for this, he cites *Pope Gregories* own (*b*) *Epistles*, who best *knew his own mind*, and the *meaning of his own Decree.* So that in the Popes and Cardinals Judgment such an Excommunication is a *definitive sentence*, and a *Papal Decree*; whereby the persons Excommunicate are *consign'd and doom'd to Eternal Damnation.* Whence we may understand the meaning of the *Titles usually prefix'd* to such *Damnatory Bulls* of Excommunication; such as these, (*c*) .... *DAMNATIO & Excommunicatio* Hen. 8. by Pope *Paul* the Third, (*d*) *DAMNATIO & Excommunicatio Elizabethæ*, by *Pius* the Fifth, where it seems, (by what the Pope and Cardinal before told us) that it is not any temporal, (or not that only) but the *eternal damnation* of *Soul and Body*, which is *intended* and *desired* by them, in their uncharitable and impious Anathema's and Excommunications. Whence also it manifestly follows; that all Protestants, Kings and Subjects, Princes and People, (who, by many Papal Bulls and Anathema's, stand actually Curs'd and Excommunicated) are in a damnable condition, and if they die, (as they do, and should) without Popish Absolution, by this Roman, Uncharitable, and Unchristian Divinity, they are eternally damn'd. This I say, not that I think such Papal Bulls and Excommunications either have, or can have any such effects, or bring such danger to Protestants (Kings or Subjects) as is pretend-

(*b*) Gregorius 7. lib. 4. Epist. 2. & 23. & lib. 8. Epist. 21.

(*c*) Bullario Roman. Paul. 3. Constit. 7. p. 704. Tom. 1. *in Magno Bullario Romano Lugduni*, 1655.

(*d*) Constit. Pii 5. 101. Ibidem. Tom. 2. p. 303. Edit. 1655.

ed; for I believe and know, that they are *bruta fulmina*, insignificant Squibs of false Fire; which can neither hurt their Souls here, nor hinder their Salvation hereafter. But notwithstanding this, they may prove dangerous and pernicious to Protestant Princes, as they may be, and are great incouragements to their Popish Subjects, to rebel, and disobey their Soveraigns, and securely (as to any thing of Conscience or Injustice in it) act any thing to their ruine. For they who believe the Popes pretended Power, that he can deprive their Prince of all Royal Power and Dignity, and that he has actually done it; that he has absolved them from all Obligations of Allegiance and Fidelity due to him; that he is a Member of the Devil here, and surely to be damn'd hereafter, and that to kill him is no Murder. I say, those who submit to the Pope, and believe these Erroneous and Impious Doctrines, (as all must who believe the Pope, or the Roman Church Infallible) have too much incouragement, not only to disobey and rebel, but (when they have power and opportunity) to take away their Princes Life, as being a Person odious to God and Man, and by the Pope, (their Infallible and Supreme Judge) by their approved Laws, and their General Councils, declared to be such; especially seeing that if they miscarry in that attempt, (and while they seek their Princes Life, lose their own) yet their

their Names shall (in Red Letters) be Regi-ster'd in the Calendar, and they (by their Party) shall be reputed Martyrs; as all know, that *Campian*, *Garnet*, and our Powder-Traytors are. An honor, I am so far from envying them that I should be very glad (and so would many thousands more) to see our present Conspirators (according to their merit) referr'd into their Calendar amongst such Martyrs; that so we might be freed from the fears of those Prodigious Villains and mischiefs they intended and indeavoured to act here, against their Gracious Soveraign, the Church and State, and there is too much reason to believe, that (while they live, and have ability and opportunity) they will prosecute those Black Designs. *Dirum omen misericors (qui solus potest) averruncet Deus.*

These are the known Positions and Doctrines of the Church of *Rome*, approved and received by the Supreme Authority of that Church; which (in *Thesi*) when they *are believ'd*, may be very dangerous, and when (in *Praxi*) put in execution, (and they who believe such impious Doctrines, act accordingly) pernicious to all Kings, Princes, and People, especially Heretiques (as they miscal them) who imbrace not all their Popish Errors, in which number all Protestants (Kings and Subjects) are, by them, always included. And that the *Popish Party*, (*especially Jesuits*) since their unhappy appearing *in the* (a) *World*, as also their *Ecclesiastiques Secular*

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(b) Statut. 24. Hen. 8. cap. 12. & 25. Hen. 8. cap. 19, 20, 21.

(c) *Damnatio & Excommunicatio Hen. 8. ejusque fautorum & complicum, &c.* That's the Title prefix'd to the Bull of his Excommunication, in Bullario Romano Lugd. 1655. Tom. 1. p. 704.

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(f) *Hen. Regem. privationis Regni & Dominiorum pœnas incurrisse declaramus.* Ibid.

prives him of his Kingdom and Dominions; Prohibits peremptorily *the* (g) *King* or his *Adherents* (if they die, as they did before he Absolved them) to have any *CHRISTIAN BURIAL*, and declares them *ETERNALLY DAMN'D*. Then he layes that most impious *Interdict* upon the whole (h) Nation; forbids all *Publick Prayers*, (i) *Masses, and Divine Offices*. Nor this only; but he *Deprives the Children of Henry the Eighth*, (k) *Born, or to be Born of Queen* Anna, and *all the Children of his Adherents*, and *their Descendents*, (none excepted) *of all their Rights, Priviledges, and Goods, Moveable and Immoveable*, and makes them (for the future) *incapable, and deprived* of *all Dignities, Honors, Offices, Rights, Fees*, &c. which otherwise they might have *obtain'd*, and this he does *knowingly*, and by the *Plenitude of his Power*. Then he goes on, and declares the King and his Adherents, and Descendents, to be *Infamous Persons, disabled to be Witness, to make any Will or Testament*, or to *receive any Legacy or Benefit* by the *Testament of any other*: (l) Forbids *all Men to have any Conversation, Commerce, or Trade with them, on pain of Excommunication, and loss of all their Goods*, &c. And further, *Commands all Christian* (m) *Princes, (quacunque dignitate Imperiali aut Regali fulgeant) Kings and Emperors, no way to favour the King and his Adherents*, and (n) *Nulls all Oaths, Compacts, Treaties*, &c. (*made, or to be made*) *to or with*

(g) *Si interim ab humanis decedant, Ecclesiastica debere carere sepultura, authoritate et potestatis plenitudine decernimus, eosque Anathematis, maledictionis, et DAMNATIONIS ÆTERNÆ mucrone percutimus*, Ibid.

(h) *Henrici Dominia, Civitates*, &c. *Interdicto supponimus*. Ibid. Sect. 8.

(i) *Nequeant Missæ, aut alia Divina officia celebrari*. Ibid.

(k) *Omnes Hen. Regis ex Anna, ac singulorum ejus Adhærentium filios, natos et nascituros, aliosque descendentes (nemine excepto) honoribus dignitatibus, bonis mobilibus et immobilibus*, &c. *privatos et ad illa aut alia obtinenda inhabiles esse, declaramus ac authoritate, scientia ac plenitudine similibus inhabilitamus*. Ibid. Sect. 9.

(l) *Omnes sub Excommunicationis ac aliis pœnis monemus, ut præfatos maledictos ac privatos evitent, & quantum in eis est, ab aliis evitari faciant: nec cum præfati Regis Dominiorum, Civitatum*, &c. *subditis aut incolis, emendo, vendendo*, &c. *quamcunque mercaturam commercium aut communionem habeant*, Ibid. Sect. 12.

(m) *Omnes Christianos Principes (etiam Imperiali aut Regali dignitate fulgentes) requirimus*. Ibid. Sect. 15.

(n) *Juramenta confœderationes, obligationes, quæ Henricum juvare possunt, irritas cassas et inanes decernimus*. Ibid.

the King, or in favour of him or his Adherents; and gives *Authority and expreſs* COMMAND *to all Chriſtian Princes, and their Armies, (by Sea or Land) to turn their Arms againſt the King and his Adherents, and* (a) *compel them to return to the Unity of the Church, and Obedience to the Pope.* And *whoever acknowledges* Henry the Eighth *to be King, or any way Obeys him, and will not (in Obedience to the Popes Command) expel him and them, out of the Kingdom and their Dominions, all their Goods, (Moveable and Immoveable) Moneys, Merchandizes, (whether within or without* England) *are to be ſeiz'd on, and (by the Popes Authority) poſſeſs'd and kept by any who can catch them. And he there gives them* (ſuch Thieves and Robbers) *full power to enjoy and poſſeſs ſuch Plunder'd Goods of the Kings or his Loyal Subjects, as in their own Right and Propriety. And if they take any Inhabitants in* England, *(Native or Alien) who Obey the King, and Diſobey the Pope, then all ſo taken, are to be Slaves to thoſe who take them:* So that *impious Bull*; in contradiction to the *Laws of Nature and Scripture, Reaſon and Chriſtian Religion.* Our Bleſſed Saviour, (the *Prince of Peace*) came not *to deſtroy*, but *to ſave*; not to *Depoſe Kings* and *Emperors*, Abſolve *their Subjects* from the Obligations of their Natural or *Sworn Allegiance*, or to *Arm them* againſt *Governors*, and (as his pretended Vicar does) *promiſe them a Reward* (*Remiſſion of Sins* here, and *an higher*

place

(a) *Principes & quoſcunque alios militantes, per mare vel terras, requirimus, mandantes, quatenus Hen. Regem & ei adhærentes (dum contra ſanctam ſedem REBELLIONE permanſerint) armis inſurgant, eoſque perſequantur, & ad obedientiam dictæ ſedis redire cogant, eorumque bona, navigia, Animalia, &c. Ubilibet (etiam extra territorium Henrici Regis) conſiſtentia, CAPIANT: & ſic capta in proprios uſus convertendi, authoritatem concedimus, illaque omnia ad capientes PLENARIE pertinere, & perſonas, vel ex regno dicto originem trahentes, vel in eo habitantes, mandatis noſtris non obtemperantes, ubicunque eos capi contigerit, capientium SERVOS fieri decernentes.* Ibid. Sect. 16. 17.

place in Heaven hereafter) for *Rebellion, and Murdering their Brethren, Fellow-Subjects* and *Christians*, for *believing and maintaining* that *Truth*, which by the *Pope and his Party*, should be miscall'd *Heresie*. No, he was the *good Shepherd*, who laid down *his own life for his Sheep*; and when *they stray'd* and err'd from his Fold, he did not *hire and send Dogs or Wolves to worry them*; but (with *infinite Patience and Mercy*) went *himself to seek them*, and *being found* (*though erring* and out *of his Fold*) laid them *on his own shoulders*, and (with *great love and labor*) brought *them home to his Fold, from which* (as his *Sheep may*, and yet *not cease to be his Sheep*) they had erred. We read indeed, that our Blessed Saviour gives *Peter* Commission to (*b*) *FEED HIS SHEEP and his LAMBS*. But we *never read* that he (*whose Kingdom was not of this World*) gave any *Commission to Peter*, or his *pretended Vicar*, to *raise Armies* to *kill*, and (*indictâ causâ*) to *Murder them*. Though I know there are some, who from *pasce oves*, (with *bad Logique* and *worse Divinity*) conclude, that the *Pope has Power to kill Heretiques*. Like that Monk *Erasmus* mentions, who, with great Zeal for the Catholique Cause, and greater Ignorance, endeavoured to prove, that the Church might kill Heretiques, from that passage in the Apostle, (*c*) *HÆRETICUM DEVITA*, that is, (says the Monk) (who had no Greek, and little Latine)

(*b*) Joh. 21. 15, 16.

(*c*) Tit. 3. 10.

Latine) *DE VITA TOLLE, take him out of this life*, that is, *kill him. Sed è diverticulo in Viam.*

7. From the aforesaid reasons, I think we may (with good consequence) conclude; *that the Pope and his party*, ever since *Henry* the Eighth, (*de facto*) *assum'd the Supremacy*, which (*de jure*) was *his before*) have been in a *perpetual Conspiracy* against the *Lives and Religion* of our *Protestant Princes*; at least till the Happy Return of our Gracious Soveraign (whom God preserve) who being (by the good and Miraculous Providence of Heaven Restor'd to His Fathers Throne (His own Right and Inheritance) a blessed Peace, and all the happy effects of it, did immediately follow, to the great comfort and benefit of the whole Nation; The Government of Church and State before shatter'd and ruin'd by a horrid Rebellion (Begun, Incourag'd, and Promoted by the Pope and his Jesuitical Party) was happily Restored, and (by Law) establish'd; the Just Rights and Liberties of the Subjects assured to them, and confirm'd; a Gracious Act of Oblivion, and Pardon of Illegal, Seditious and Rebellious actions against the King and His Laws granted; and the blessing and benefit of all these extended to *Papists* as well as other. So that beside their *Obligation to Obedience and Loyalty*, by their *Natural* or *Sworn Allegiance*, there lay upon them *an Obligation* to *Gratitude*,

Gratitude, for those *signal favors* they received, from the *goodness of a gratious Prince*. So that it was the *belief* and *hope of some*, that the foremention'd *Popish Principles* and *Practises* had *been forgot*, or *laid aside*; and that the Roman Catholiques (as both in *words* and *writings* they *publickly pretended*) would be very *Loyal Subjects* But these were vain hopes; for (notwithstanding all obligations to obedience and gratitude) even since His Majesties Happy Return, the Popish Party have carried on their Plots and Conspiracies, against their *gracious Prince*, the *establish'd Religion*, and the *Peace of our Church and State*, with as *much industry* and *impiety*, as formerly. Which now *evidently appears*, by their *impious Conspiracy*, by the blessing of God very happily, though *lately discover'd*. That you may (in the General) know what this Plot is, and that I do not miscall it, when I say it is an Impious Conspiracy: I shall give you two Authentique Testimonies.

I. Our gratious King calls it (*a*) *A BLOODY TRAITEROUS design of POPISH Recusants, against His MAJESTIES Sacred PERSON, the GOVERNMENT, and the PROTESTANT RELIGION.*

(*a*) In His Majesties Proclamation, for banishing all Papists, Ten miles from *London*, Dated, *Octob.* 30. 1678.

II. The House of Commons (in a *Vote of that* (*b*) *House*, *approved* by the Lords) say thus .....*Resolved*, &c. *That this House is of Opinion*,

(*b*) The Votes of the Commons was read to the Lords, and by them approved at a Conference, 1 *Nov.* 1678.

Opinion, that there HATH BEEN, and STILL IS, a DAMNABLE, and HELLISH PLOT, contrived and carried on by POPISH RECUSANTS, for (horresco referens) *ASSASSINATING and MURDERING THE KING, and for SUBVERTING the GOVERNMENT, and rooting out, and DESTROYING the PROTESTANT RELIGION.*

By what is already said, (I suppose) you may see, what the Roman-Catholick, or Popish Principles and Practises have been, are, and (while there is a Pope; and a Party to believe and incourage such Practises) ever will be; and how dangerous such Principles are, and (when put in execution) how pernicious they are (and ever will be) to all PRINCES, especially PROTESTANTS, and all those they are pleas'd to call, or miscall Heretiques. Their received Principles I have hitherto mentioned are these:

1. The Pope (with them) is *Supreme MONARCH* of all the World, even in Temporals; at least *indirectè*, (as the most moderate amongst them sometimes say) and *in ordine ad spiritualia*, which distinction can afford no comfort or security to Temporal Princes. For if the Pope have such vast power, *directè*, or *indirectè*, 'tis all one, he has it; and if a Prince be deposed, or murdered, by *either end of the distinction*, he is equally, and as surely

surely Murder'd; as he who is kill'd by the edge, or back of the Sword, is as certainly kill'd.

2. They say, the Pope has *power to* (c) *Excommunicate, Curse*, and *Damn Kings*.

3. To *depose* and *deprive them* of *all their Royal Power and Jurisdiction*.

4. To *absolve their Subjects* from all Obligations (whether Natural, or afterwards arising from Oaths) to fidelity and obedience.

5. To *Arme their Subjects against* their *Sovereigns*, *so deposed* by the Pope, their *Supreme Judge*, and (according to the profess'd Doctrine of the *Jesuites*, *Canonists*,) &c. *infallible* too, *In rebus facti & fidei*.

6. That this *taking of Arms* against *their King*, (when *deposed by the Pope*) is *no Rebellion* against *their King*; seeing (by their Traiterous Principles) as *soon as deposed*, he *ceases* to be *their Sovereign*.

7. That, if in such a War, they *kill their King*, (especially if he be an Heretique) it is no crime, *no Homicide or Murder*, but a Meritorious work, to which the Pope has promised *Plenary Indulgence*, and Pardon of all their Sins, and an higher place in Heaven.

(c) And this vast power the Pope challenges over all Kings and Emperors, to Excommunicate and Depose them, is such; that if any King or Emperor obey not the Decree of the Pope and his Councils, he is, *ipso facto*, deprived of all his dignity, and Goods, &c. It is not any private person, but a General Council of their own, which tells us so..... ....*Omnibus Christi fidelibus inhibet, sub p nâ PRIVATIONIS OMNIUM DIGNITATUM & BONORUM Ecclesiasticorum & mundanorum, et ALIIS PÆNIS juris: etiamsi REGALIS sit dignitatis aut IMPERIALIS; quibus si contra HANC INHIBITIONEM fecerint, sint AUTHORITATE HUJUS DECRETI, et IPSO FACTO PRIVATI*, &c. Concil. Constantiense. Sess. 38. *In Senten. contra Benedictum* 13. Nay, if they be but *negligent* in executing the Decrees of the Pope and his Council, they incurre all those punishments..... .... *Si NEGLIGENS extiterit, cujuscunque dignitatis fuerit; etiamsi IMPERIALIS*, &c. *illas pœnas IPSO FACTO incurrat, quæ in Constitut. Bonifacii Papæ* 8. *continentur*, cap. Felicis 5. Extra de Pœnis, in 6 They are the words of the same Council of Constance, Sess. 29. In *Provisione adversus Schisma futurum*.

8 Nay, (to give them *the highest encouragements* to commit *all those Villanies*, Christians are capable of) they shall be reputed Martyrs, referr'd into their Calendars in Red Letters, and (in their opinion) be esteemed great Saints in Heaven, who in Earth were known to be Rebels to their Prince, and justly Executed for High Treason. For so, as is before said and proved) those who (by the Hand of Justice) perish'd for their Prodigious Villany, in the Gunpowder-Conspiracy, are reckon'd for Martyrs in the Jesuites Martyrology. Now, how dangerous such *Principles* (having such (*a*) *Incouragements*) may prove to all, especially Protestant Princes, do you and the World Judge.

But (as to the danger of such Doctrines) this is not all, (though too much) for it is not only a received Doctrine in the Roman-Church, That the Pope may depose Kings and Emperors if they be Heretiques, (as with them, we are sure all Protestants are) but further,

I. That Subjects also (as well as the Pope) may lawfully depose their Soveraigns, if they be Heretiques.

II. Nay, that they ought, and (both in Law and Conscience) are strictly bound to depose their Princes if they be Heretiques.

III. And their approved, and great Writers publickly confess, (in their Books printed, and licensed by the Authority of their Church) that both the former Propositions *are approved* by all

(*a*) No less than 15000 Guineys promised by the Jesuites, to one who should Assassinate our Gracious King; and 4000 to Murder Justice *Godfrey*: as appears by the Papers of the discovery of the late horrid Conspiracy, and Mr. *Bedlow*'s Confession.

all Catholiques. Sure I am, they have not *publickly been condemn'd* by any Act, Decree or *Sentence of their Church*; and therefore we have reason to believe, that they approve them. For, *qui non prohibet peccare cum possit, jubet.*

For the proof of all this, I shall only give you two or three Testimonies of their own (by publick Authority) approved and licenc'd Authors, who expresly say, and endeavor to prove, what here I have affirm'd. 1. One of them says ..... (b) That *it is the Opinion of ALL CATHOLIQUES*, that *Subjects ARE BOUND to depose an Heretical KING.* And he adds there..... (c) *That they are BOUND, by the LAW of GOD, by the MOST STRICT BOND of CONSCIENCE, and UTMOST PERIL of their SOULS, to DEPOSE HERETICAL PRINCES.* And (their great Controvertist, and Cardinal) *Bellarmine*, says as much; (and with more authority) speaking of Heretical Princes..... (d) *OMNIUM CONSENSU* (all Roman-Catholicks he means) *possunt ac DEBENT privari suo Dominio.* It is the *consent* (says the Cardinal) *of ALL*, that *Heretical PRINCES may*, and *OUGHT* to be *DEPRIVED of their Dominions.* And in a Book (e) approved by the Jesuites, and highly commended by the (f) Licencer; we are told; *That the Power and Authority of the* (g) *PEOPLE is greater than that of their Prince.* 2. *That* (h) *the PEOPLE* (as well *as the Pope*) *may declare, a King to be a Tyrant:* and when the *Pope* or *PEOPLE have so declared him to be such,* (i) *ANY PRIVATE*

(b) *OMNIUM CATHOLICORUM sententia*, &c. Jos. Creswel in his Philopater, Sect. 2. num. 160.

(c) *Præcepto DIVINO & arctissimo CONSCIENTIÆ VINCULO, ac EXTREMO ANIMARUM suarum PERICULO, Hæreticos Principes DETURBARE* Ibidem. n. 162.

(d) Bellarmin. de Roman. Pontif. lib. 5. cap. 7. Sect. *Probatur.*

(e) *Mariana* de Rege & Regis Institutione Mogunt. 1605.

(f) Vid. Censuram authoritate Regia factam, Marianæ libro præfixam.

(g) Cap. 6. p. 68.

(h) Ibid. p. 59, 60.

(i) *Regem (si Tyrannus declaretur à Papa vel POPULO) QUILIBET ETIAM PRIVATUS potest JUSTE PERIMERE.* Ibidem.

VAIE MAN may MURDER HIM. 3. And he there tells us, That he *is a* (*k*) *Tyrant, who endeavors to ruin the religion of his Countrey*; (the Roman-Catholique Religion, you may be sure he means) and then (by these Jesuitical and Popish Principles) All Protestant Princes are Tyrants, and may lawfully be kill'd by any private person. So that 'tis evident, that these Popish Principles, are not only dangerous, but pernicious to all Protestant Princes; who, (in their account) being Heretiques, are consequently Tyrants, and may be declared such by the People, and Murder'd by any private Man.

(*k*) *Tyrannus est qui SACRA PATRIA pessundat* Ibid. p. 60.

Object. I know that some Roman Catholiques deny this Doctrine to be approved by the Church of *Rome*, and tell us; that the Church has expresly condemn'd it as scandalous, and (both in faith and manners erroneous: and for this they quote the (*l*) *Council of Constance.* In answer to this I shall,

(*l*) Concil. Constantiense Sess. 15. In condemnatione illius Propositionis, Quilibet Tyrannus, &c.

1. Set down the words of the Council.
2. The Answer to them

Solutio. 1. The words of the Council are these; and the Proposition they condemn this..... *Quilibet Tyrannus potest ac debet licite ac meritoriè occidi, per quemlibet vassallum & subditum, etiam per insidias, vel blanditias, vel adulationes non obstante quocunque Juramento seu confederatione factis cum eo, non expectata sententiâ vel mandato Judicis cujuscunque.* That is ..... *Any Tyrant may, and ought to be lawfully and meritoriously kill'd, by any vassal or subject of his, even by treachery or flattery; notwithstanding any oath, or confederation made to, or with him; and not having the preceding sentence or command of any Judge whomsoever.*

2. This

2. This is the Proposition, which the Fathers at the (*a*) General Council at *Constance*, condemned, (for a General approved Council, and confirm'd by a true Pope, they acknowledge it; though they have little reason for it, as may appear by what (*b*) *Gesner* has said, and (*c*) *Longus à Coriolano* has not (though he endeavour it) Answer'd.) But it is penn'd with that Art, and Roman-Catholick cunning, that though it seem to say something for the Security of Kings and Princes; yet indeed it is (as to that purpose) altogether insignificant. For,

(*a*) They confess it to be *Concilium Generale approbatum, & à Gregorio Duodecimo Vero Pontifice, confirmatum.* Longus a Coriolano, in summa Concil. p. 858. yet they reject what displeaseth the Pope in it. Idem Ibidem.

(*b*) Gesnar. in Præfat. ad Epitomen Concil. ex additis ad Chronicon Urspergens.

(*c*) Longus à Coriolano, p. 866.

1. Here is nothing in this Proposition, or the Condemnation of it, by the Council; which condemns, or any way disapproves the Popes Excommunications or Depositions of Kings, their Absolutions of their Subjects from their Oaths of Allegiance, or giving away their Dominions. It is only the *Assassinations and Murdering of Tyrants* which are spoken of; not any Excommunications, Depositions, *&c.* of Kings.

2. Nor does the Council deny, but that *every TYRANT may be kill'd*; but that which they condemn as erroneous, is; That *every Tyrant may, and also OUGHT to be kill'd.* Now this is a Conjunctive and Copulative Proposition; and such Propositions are (in Logique) false, when either part is false, though both be not. So this Proposition, *Every Man is rational and Learn'd*; is erroneous, because one part is so: for

for though every Man be Rational, yet every Man is not Learned. In like manner, although it will be granted at *Rome*, that *every Tyrant may be Kill'd*; yet that *every Tyrant ought to be Kill'd*, will not be so easily granted. For let him be a Tyrant in respect of Title, one who is an Usurper, and has no right to the Crown; yet let him be a Roman Catholique, a zealous Maintainer and Promoter of the Papal Religion and Interest; or one under whom they find more favour than they did expect from the true King; they will not say *that he OUGHT to be Kill'd*. And on this account it was (I believe) that the Pope and his Party did not think, *That* CROMWEL *(though a Tyrant)* OUGHT *to be Kill'd*; or (for ought I know) ever went about it; (though they desired and endeavoured to take away the Life of *CHARLES the Martyr*, who had a most just Title to the Crown) because they found more favour under him, and more freedom from the punishment of Penal Laws, than they ever had before; or could expect, if the true Owner of it, possess'd the Crown. In *Cromwel's* time, no Oaths of Allegiance or Supremacy were press'd upon them, our Liturgy and Common-Prayers were taken away, and an *Ordinance passed, That no Man should be Censured for not coming to Church*; so that there was no way then to discover, or legally convict a Popish Recusant. On which ground, the Fathers at *Constance*, might condemn this

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Propoſition, (as erroneous) *Quilibet Tyrannus* &c. *Every Tyrant MAY, and OUGHT to be Kill'd*; and not deny that *every Tyrant MIGHT be Kill'd.*

3. When they condemn this Propoſition, (as erroneous) .....*Every Tyrant may LAWFULLY*, and *MERITORIOUSLY be Kill'd:* on the ſame account the *Propoſition is erroneous*, and (as ſuch) might be condemned by them; and yet they might believe *it LAWFUL* to Kill any Tyrant, thought not *Meritorious.*

4. When they ſay, a Tyrant cannot lawfully be kill'd *per Quemcunque Vaſſallum & Subditum*, by any of his *Subjects*; this is but poor comfort for Kings or Pinces, and afford them no certain Security. For if a King be *Kill'd*, it is not much material, whether a Native or an Alien be the Aſſaſſin, he is Kill'd. So that notwithſtanding all the Council of *Conſtance* has ſaid; they may hire an Alien to Kill a Proteſtant Prince, as *Lopez* was to Murder Queen *Elizabeth*; and a Spaniard to Aſſaſſinate *Maurice* of *Naſſaw:* or (what was really intended and endeavoured, and probably had taken effect, had not the good Providence of Heaven miraculouſly hindred it) the Pope may give away our Nation, and ſend a Spaniſh Armado, (as he did in Queen *Elizabeths* time) or a French Army, to kill Prince and People, and take poſſeſſion of it. *Dirum omen miſericors* (*qui ſolus poteſt*) *averruncet Deus.*

5. When

5. When that Council denies this Proposition, (and condemns the Affirmative as erroneous) That *a Tyrant may be Murdered by any Vassal and Subject*; it is in the singular number, (*per Vassallum & Subditum*) and hinders not, but that more, or the *major part* of the Subjects and Commonweal may do it; for although this Doctrine be impious and Heretical, yet (at *Rome*) it is Catholique, (or Roman-Catholique) and by many of their eminent Writers, maintain'd and justify'd.

6. But Lastly; This Sentence of their General Council of *Constance*, is so far from proving that, for which it is produced; (*That the Church of* Rome *does not approve the Depositions, or Assassinations of Kings*) that it evidently proves the direct contrary. That this may appear (and without any going back, or trouble) to you; I shall put in the (*a*) Margent, the words of the Council of *Constance*, (though you have them before.) Now in the words cited, it is evident; 1. That when they condemn the Killing of Tyrants, *NON EXPECTATA SENTENTIA AUT MANDATO JUDICIS*, Not expecting the Sentence or command of the Judge; there is some Judge whose sentence and command should be expected. For it were ridiculous to talk of expecting the sentence or command of a Judge, if there were no such Judge, whose sentence could

(*a*) *Quilibet Tyrannus potest, ac debet licitè ac meritorie occidi, per quemcunque Vassallum & Subditum, etiam per insidias, blanditias vel adulationes, non obstante quocunque juramento aut confederatione fallis cum eo. NON EXPECTATA SENTENTIA VEL MANDATO JUDICIS CUJUSCUNQUE* Concil. Constant. ubi supra. Sess. 15.

could be expected. 2. Now although to us, (and in truth) Kings and Supreme Princes, neither have, nor can have any Judge: it being necessary, that the Judge be Superior in Power and Jurisdiction, to the Person Judged, (otherwise he cannot be a legal and competent Judge) and to say, That Kings and Supreme Princes have any Superior on Earth, (where they are Supreme) is a contradiction. 3. But at *Rome*, it is otherwise; the Roman-Catholiques do constantly affirm, That both the *Pope and the People*, are Superiors to Kings, and may pass sentence on them, and declare them Tyrants. 4. And therefore if Subjects may not kill Kings, (who are Tyrants) without such sentence or command, but must expect it; then if thy *have expected*, and *have it*, then they *may kill them lawfully and meritoriously*. For *exceptio firmat regulam in non exceptis*. 5. And 'tis to be observed, that it is, *Sententia vel Mandato Judicis*, by the Sentence or Command of the Judge. So that if any private Person have the *command* of the Pope or People, (who are *(b)* the Popish Judges in this case) or the *Sentence* of either of them, declaring any King to be a Tyrant; then this is Warrant enough (by their impious Popish Politiques) for any private Person to kill such a King. From which Roman-Catholique Doctrine, it evidently follows, that when (in our late Civil Wars, and unhappy Rebellion) the Parliament had declared *CHARLES the Martyr* a

(b) *Regem (si Tyrannus declaretur à PAPA vel POPULO) quilibet, etiam PRIVATUS, potest JURE PERIMERE.* Mariana de Rege & Regis Institut. Mogunt. 1605. p. 59, 60.

Tyrant, any particular Person (without Erecting an High Court of Justice, as they miscall'd it) might lawfully have Murdered him. 6. It is to be further observed, that (by their Popish Principles) *Tyranny and Heresie in Kings*, are *crimes equally* deserving *Deposition and Death*; and every (c) Heretical *King is a Tyrant* with them. Whence it follows, 1. That if the Pope *command* any one to kill a *Protestant* (or which with them is all one, an *Heretical*) *Prince*; then (according to this Decree and Doctrine of the Council of *Constance*) he may lawfully do it. 2. Or if he give no *such command*, but pass a definitive Sentence against any such Prince, and in a Damnatory Bull declare him an Excommunicate and Deposed Heretique; (or (d) *Favorer of them*) then any private Person has sufficient Warrant and Authority to Murder him. So that when Pope *Pius the Fifth* had Excommunicated Queen *Elizabeth*, (by this their Popish Divinity) any one of her Subjects might (without any further Authority, or fault) have Murdered her. Now whether such Principles as these, be not dangerous, inconsistent with Loyalty, and (to Protestant Princes) pernicious, let the World judge. Sure I am, our Kings (and Parliaments) knowing (by sad experience) the fatal and pernicious Consequences of such Popish Principles, have publickly declared this their sense and detestation of them. I shall give an Instance or two.

1. Our

(c) *Tyrannus est, qui SACRA PATRIA pessundat.* Ibid. p. 60. That is, *qui sacra Papistica, & Religionem Romano-Catholicam, (quantum in se est) supprimit, & extirpat.*

(d) In all their Excommunications of Heretiques, the stile is usually this—*Anathematizamus omnes Hæreticos, eorum FAUTORES, & generaliter quoslibet illorum DEFENSORES*, &c. Bulla Cœnæ. Sect. 1. In Bullario Romano, Lugd. 1673. Tom. 5. p. 528.

1. Our Gratious King, (in a Proclamation) having spoken of the *Intestine Divisions amongst* us, it follows: ..... (e) *Which are CHIEFLY OCCASIONED by the Undermining Contrivances of POPISH RECUSANTS, whose Numbers and INSOLENCIES are of late GREATLY increased, and whose RESTLESS PRACTICES threaten SUBVERSION to the CHURCH and STATE.* The restless Practices are the mischievous Consequents of their impious Principles.

(e) Proclamation dated at *Whitehall*, 16 *Jan.* 1673. and you have it in the *Gazette*, Num. 853.

2. A full (f) Parliament, (and a Popish one too) takes notice of, and condemns the Papal Usurpations, in taking upon them to dispose of inheritances and Kingdoms, in these words: .....*The Pope, CONTRARY to the inviolable Grants of Jurisdictions BY GOD IMMEDIATELY to Emperors and Kings, hath PRESUMD to invest who should please him, to inherit in other Mens Kingdoms and Dominions: which we your Loyal Subjects* SPIRITUAL *and* TEMPORAL, *ABHORRE and DETEST.* Such were the Popes Usurpations then; but (as in Parliament they confess) abhorred and detested by Clergy and Laity. But now (as evidently appears by the lately discovered damnable Conspiracy) the Pope and his Party, take upon them to Murder our Gratious King, (whom God preserve) and dispose of His Kingdoms. Which Practices,

(f) Statut. Anno 25 Hen. 8. cap. 22. which was Ann. Christ. 1533. and he was not Excommunicated till the year 1538. Magnum Bullarium Roman. Lugd. 1655. Tom. 1. p. 704.

and Principles which cause and encourage them, I do (and justly may) call Dangerous, and (when they take effect, which I hope they never will) Destructive and Pernicious.

And here further, because many of our Popish Party, seeing the horridness of this Damnable and Hellish Conspiracy, and (in reality I hope, or at least) seem to condemn both it, and the Authors of it; laying the blame upon the Persons only of some few, and with great confidence, (to give it no worse name) denying the Roman Church to approve, or receive any Principles, which can encourage such Conspiracies, or prove pernicious, or dangerous to Princes, their Persons, or Government: I shall briefly give you an account of some more of their received Doctrines and Principles, (besides those already named) which have been, and (while they are believed) ever will be prejudicial to Princes, and the Peace and Quiet of their Subjects and Dominions. For instance,

1. The Church of *Rome* expresly declares *it unlawful* for *Secular Princes* to require any *Oath of Fidelity* or *Allegiance* of *their Clergy*; and as expresly forbids all *their Clergy* to take any such Oath, if it be required..... (g) *Nimis de Jure DIVINO quidam LAICI Usurpare conantur, cum Viros Ecclesiasticos nihil temporale continentes, ad præstandum sibi FIDELITATIS JURAMENTUM compellunt .....Sacri Authoritate Concilii PROHIBEMUS, ne tales CLERICI*

(g) Concil. Lateran. Magnum sub Innocentio 3. Can. 43. Vid. Baronium Annal. Tom. 10. ad Annum 858. Sect. 49. pag. 155.

RICI personis SECULARIBUS præstare cogantur hujusmodi Juramentum, &c. This is the Constitution of their great and Oecumenical Council under *Innocent* the Third, and is referr'd into the Body of their Canon (*h*) Law, by Pope *Gregory* the IX, and remains in the (*i*) best Editions of it, commended and (*k*) confirm'd by Pope *Gregory* the XIII. So that by the Popish Canons, and their approved and received Laws, no *Secular Prince* may require any *Oath of Allegiance* and *Fidelity*, of any of the Clergy, or Ecclesiastiques, nor are the Clergy to take any such Oaths. And if a Clergy-man should take any such Oath, it is (by their Canon-Law) for several reasons, *declared null, and not obligatory*. For, 1. They tell us, *That no Oath which is against the* (a) *Ecclesiastical Utility, and Benefit of the Church, is valid and binding*: Nay, the Law it self there says, *That all such Oaths against Ecclesiastical Utility*, are not Oaths properly, *but* (b) *Perjuries*. And the case is put in their Law, *of a Prince, who fearing some* (c) *CONSPIRACY against him, took an Oath of some, that they should not (for the future) be in any Conspiracy against him*. They who had taken this Oath, desired to know how far they were bound by this Oath? And that Law, and *Innocent* the Third, gives this Answer, (*d*) *That they were not so bound by that Oath, but that they might stand against the Prince (to whom they had so Sworn) in the lawful defence of*

(*h*) Cap. *Nimis*. 30. Extra *De Jurejurando*.

(*i*) Corpus Juris Canon. Paris. 1612. & 1618. & Lugduni 1661.

(*k*) In Bulla dat. Rom. 1. Jul. 1580. Corpori Juris Canonici præfixa.

(a) *Juramentum contra utilitatem Ecclesiasticam præstitum NON TENET*. Lemma ad cap. Sicut. 27. Extra *De Jurejurando*.

(b) *Non juramenta sed perjuria potius dicenda, quæ contra utilitatem Ecclesiasticam*, &c. dicto cap. Sicut. 27.

(c) *Princeps timens conspirationes aliquas fieri contra eum, Juramentum extorsit, quod, de cætero contra ipsum non essent*. Cap. *Petitio*. 31. Extra *De Jurejurando*.

(d) *Declaramus, vos Juramento hujusmodi* NON TENERI, *quin pro juribus & honoribus Ecclesiæ, & vestris, legitimè defendendis*, CONTRA IPSUM PRINCIPEM *stare libere valeatis*.

of the rights and honors of the Church and their own. Now 'tis certain, that the Pope (with them) is the sole Supreme Judge in all Ecclesiastical Causes; (and such this is, concerning the Rights and Honors of the Church) and therefore if he Judge (as we are sure he will) that our Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy, be against the Rights and Honor of that Church, of which he pretends to be the Head; neither those, nor any such Oathes will be obligatory to any of his party; at least they will think them not to be so; and so they will think, that (notwithstanding any such Oath) they may, for the benefit of the Church, and the Catholique Cause, oppose and conspire against their Prince. 2. It is a Rule in their (e) *Law* (and *in reason too*) That in *all Oathes*, it must *be understood*, that the *right of the Superior is excepted*, and must be preserved. So if a Tenent Swear Fealty to his Landlord, how great soever (so he be a subject) it must be, *salvo jure dominii principalis*; the Royal Rights of his Prince, must not, cannot be prejudiced by that Oath. This is true in *Thesi*. Now we know, that the Pope (and his party who acknowledge him) thinks that he is far superior to all Kings; and therefore if he think and declare (as we know he has done) that our Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy are prejudicial to his rights, then neither he, nor his party will think them binding. 3. If they were confess'd to be obligatory; yet they of the

(e) *Dictum juramentum excusare non potest, in quo debet intelligi jus superioris exceptum.* Innocentius. 3. cap. Venientes. 19. extra. *De jurejurando.*

the Popish Church, believe *he can dispence* (*f*) *with them*, and null the obligation. This is the constant Tenet of the (*g*) Canonists; who tell us; *That the Pope does usually and easily dispence with Involuntary, but not with voluntary Oaths*; yet *if he do dispence with voluntary Oaths, it is* (*h*) *valid.* Nor is it any wonder, if the Pope dispence with Oathes (voluntary or involuntary) if it be true, which *John Semeca* the Glossator there tells us.....*That the Pope can dispence against the LAW OF* (*i*) *NATURE, and against the APOSTLE.* And that we might take notice of it, those words (in the (*k*) old Editions of the Canon-Law) are put in the Margent. .....*Papa contra Apostolum dispensat:* the Pope *dispenses against the Apostle.* And in the latter (*l*) Editions of that Law with the Gloss (even those confirm'd by Pope *Gregory* the Thirteenth, as most Correct, and purged from Errors) they are so far from disowning that irrational and impious Gloss; that (in a Note there in the Margent) they explain and justifie it.....*It is not absurd* (sayes the (*m*) Author of that Note) *for the Pope to dispence against the Apostle, as to positive Law.* So that Papists may take as many Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy as their Prince shall please, yet the Pope (when he pleases) can dispence with them, and set them free, from all obligation of fidelity. And hence it evidently follows; That a true Roman-Catholique (who believes this Popish Power of dispensing

(f) *Papa secundum plenitudinem potestatis, de jure potest supra jus dispensare.* Cap. *Proposuit.* 4. Extra. *De Concession. Præbendæ.* Vid. Spotswoods Hist. of Scotland, p. 308.

(g) Vid. Gratian. Can. 2, 3, 4, 5. Caus. 15. Quæst. 6. the Gloss. and Card. *Turrecremata* there.

(h) *Si tamen absolvat aliquem, tenet absolutio* Glossa ad dictum. Can. 2. verbo. Absolvimus.

(i) *Dico* (says the Gloss) *Quod contra JUS NATURALE potest dispensare & contra APOSTOLUM.* Gloss. Ibid.

(k) Edit. Paris. 1522.

(l) Edit. Paris. 1612.

(m) *Non est absurdum Papam dispensare contra Apostolum quoad jus positivum.* Nota ad Glossam ad dictum Can. 2. verbo Absolvimus.

pensing with all Oaths) may take a thousand Oaths of Allegiance, and yet give no assurance of his Fidelity to his Prince; seeing the Pope may (upon their approv'd Principles) when he pleases, set them free from all such Obligations. 4. But, if all these ways, of nulling the Obligations of Oaths of Allegiance fail: yet the Popes Janizaries (the Jesuites) have a new way to prevent all such Obligations of Oaths, without any Dispensations; and that is by Equivocations, rectifying Intentions, and their Doctrine of Probabilities: pernicious Errors, destructive of Humane Society, and so notoriously now known to the World, that I neither shall, nor need go about to prove them, or shew the pernicious consequences of them. Sure I am, that by their Popish Principles, no Papists in *England* are (*a*) permitted to take the Oath of Allegiance to their King: and then 'tis easie to judge, what good Subjects they are like to be. For certainly, what I may lawfully do, that (on a just and serious occasion) I may swear to do. If it be a duty, and lawful for me to obey my Princes commands, and pay him fidelity; then certainly, I may (by Oath) bind my self to the performance of it. So all Men, by the Law of Nature and Moral Veracity, are bound to *speak truth*; it is both *lawful and a duty*: and therefore, when (in Judicature) I am call'd to be a Witness; I may, and (by the consent of all Nations) ought to take an Oath, to bind

(*a*) As may (to omit all others) abundantly appear by Father *Parsons* Book writ against the Oath of Allegiance: The Title of his Book is this, *A Discussion of the Answer of Dr. Will. Barlow.* And at large lately in Father *Caron*'s *Remonstrantia Hibernorum*, &c.

bind me, and assure others, that I will speak truth. All Men (as I said, and all confess) are bound by an indispensable Law of Nature to speak truth (when there is a just occasion for it) and yet (in Judicature) his testimony would not pass for good evidence, who (being required) would not (by Oath) confirm the truth of it. And therefore Princes have just reason to believe, that those who will not take an Oath to be Loyal Subjects, will never be so without it. And indeed the reason why Princes may justly suspect the fidelity of their Popish Clergy, who refuse the Oath of Allegiance, will farther appear, if we consider,

2. That when and where Popery prevails, all their Bishops swear absolute Allegiance and Fidelity to the Pope, and therefore cannot swear it to their Prince too. The Oath every Popish Bishop must take at his Consecration, is this ...(*b*) I.N. *from this time forward, will be* FAITHFUL *and* OBEDIENT *to my Lord the Pope and his Successors.....*THE COUNSELS *with which they trust me, I will not discover* TO ANY MAN, *to the hurt of the Pope or his Successors...I will assist them to retain and defend the Popedome, and* THE (*c*) ROYALTIES *of* St. Peter, *against* ALL MEN *.....I will carefully conserve, defend, and promote the rights, honors, priviledges, and authority of the Pope. I will not be in any Counsel, Fact, or Treaty, in which any thing prejudicial to the persons, rights, or power of the Pope is contrived: and if I shall know any such things treated of, by* ANY

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(*b*) *Ego N. ab hac hora in antea, fidelis & obediens ero .... Domino N. Papæ & suis successoribus. Consilium quod mihi credituri sunt, ad eorum damnum* NEMINI *pandam. Papatum & REGALIA St. Petri adjutor eis ero ad retinendum & defendendum* CONTRA OMNEM HONINEM *Jura, honores privilegia, & AUTHORITATEM PAPÆ — Conservare, defendere & promovere curabo. Non ero in consilio, facto vel Tractatu, in quibus contra Papam — aliqua sinistra vel præjudicialia personarum, juris & potestatis ejus machinentur, & si talia à* QUIBUSCUNQUE *tractari novero, impediam pro* POSSE, *& quanto citius potero* SIGNIFICABO *Domino* PAPÆ — *Mandata Apostolica* TOTIS VIRIBUS *observabo, &* FACIAM AB ALIIS OBSERVARI. HÆRETICOS ET REBELLES DOMINO PAPÆ PERSEQUAR *&* IMPUGNABO *Vocatus ad Synodum veniam,* Verba sunt dicti Juramenti. Vide Pontificale Romanum. *De Consecratione Electi in Episcopum,* p. 57. Editum Romæ 1611.

(*c*) Here it is *REGALIA Sancti Petri.* But this is an Addition to the Oath (which was bad enough before) for antiently it was *REGULAS SANCTORUM Patrum.* As their own Canon-Law assures us. Cap. Ego. N. 4. Extra de Jurejurando,

WHOMSOEVER, I will (to the utmost of my power) hinder them, and with all possible speed signifie them to the Pope.... I will (to the UTMOST OF MY POWER) observe the POPES COMMANDS, and MAKE OTHERS observe them. I will impugn and PERSECUTE HERETICKS, and REBELS to my LORD THE POPE. I will come to the Synod, WHEN HE CALLS ME, &c. This, and much more such stuff, you have in *that Oath.* Now this is *evidently an Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity* to the *Pope.* Wherein (to omit other things) they swear, 1. Never *to discover the Popes Counsels* (how *treasonable soever*) *TO ANY MAN,* (not *the King.*) 2. To *defend the Popes ROYALTIES, against ALL MEN,* (the *King not excepted.*) 3. And if any thing be treated *of prejudicial to the Pope, BY ANY WHOMSOEVER,* (the King not excepted) they swear, *(TO THE UTMOST OF THEIR POWER)* to oppose *and hinder it.* Here is (you see) an Oath of *absolute Allegiance* to *the Pope,* which cannot consist with that Homage and Allegiance, or Fidelity, which not only at present, but anciently, even in times of Popery, all the Bishops of *England* did, and solemnly swore to their King, as a (*d*) great Lawyer tells me. And not long before him, it it certain, that Bishops at their Consecration, took no Oath at all to the Pope, but only *promised him Canonical Obedience.* For in the old *Ordo* (a) *Romanus,* which (as all agree) was writ by (*b*) *Arnoldus Constantiensis Presbyter,* about the

(*d*) Vide Hen. Bracton, De Legibus Angliæ, lib. 2. cap. 35. Sect. 4. Bracton flourished about the 30. year of Hen. 3. An. Dom. 1246.

(*a*) Vid. Ordinem Romanum veterem, apud Georg. Ferrarium, De Catholicæ Eccles. Divinis officiis. Romæ 1591. p. 70 71.

(*b*) So Tritthemius de Scriptoribus, &c. Possevines Apparat. both of them, In Arnoldo Constantiensi, and Vossius de Symbolis Cœnæ Dom. Thes. 2. p. 441.

the year 1060. The Metropolitan (who consecrates) askes the person to be consecrated, thus; *Visne Beato Petro, suæque Ecclesiæ, ejusque VICARIO & successoribus, fidem & subjectionem per omnia exhibere?* The Answer is: *Volo.* Then follows the *promise of fidelity and subjection* to his *Metropolitan*: But with this difference. To the Pope he promises..... *Fidem & obedientiam per omnia* (as to the *prime Patriarch.*) But to the *Metropolitan* he only *promises* (but *swears to neither* of them) *Fidem & obedientiam exhibere.* But to let this pass: It is manifest, that whenever *this Oath* to the Pope began to be exacted of Bishops, it has been in use ever since the time of Pope *Gregory* (*c*) the IX. who patch'd up, and (*d*) publish'd the Decretals; In which you have the *form of the Oath* the Bishops *then took* to the Pope; neither *so long* by far, nor *so bad*, as of later years has *been required of all* Bishops; yet bad enough. For when they swore obedience and fidelity absolutely to the Pope (as now they do) (*e*) *CONTRA OMNES HOMINES*, (neither King nor Emperor excepted.) And we are told in some later Editions of their Canon-Law, that now, not *onely all Bishops*, but whoever *receives any* (*f*) *dignity* of the Pope, *take an Oath*, and *swear Allegiance to him:* and, is it possible, that these persons who do, and must Swear such absolute obedience and fidelity to the Pope, can be faithful and loyal subjects to their Prince? and

(*c*) Sedet Gregorius 9. An. Dom. 1226. In that year he was made Pope.

(*d*) Which was Ann. 1230. and refers that Oath to Gregory the 7th. who was made Pope, An. 1073.

(*e*) Vid. Cap. Ego. N. 4. Extra. *De Jurejurando.*

(*f*) *Hodie omnes recipientes dignitatem à Papa, sibi jurant.* Ita Lemma ad Cap. dictum 4. Edit. Lugduni. 1661.

indeed, are not ſuch Popiſh Principles both dangerous, and eſpecially to Proteſtant Princes pernicious, and inconſiſtent with the Loyalty of Subjects, or ſafety of Supreme Powers? nor is this all; there is more danger yet to Kings and Princes, from their Popiſh Principles. For,

3. They *Exempt* all *Eccleſiaſtiques* from paying *any Tax or Contribution to* ſecular *Princes*, without the Popes Leave. This is the conſtant Doctrine of their (*g*) *Caſuiſts*, their (*h*) *Canon-Law*, and (*i*) *Canoniſts*. Who tell us (*k*)..... *Quod Laici Collectas imponentes Clericis, ſunt excommunicati, cum ſuis fautoribus*; All *Laymen* (by *their Law*) are *Excommunicated*, if they *lay any Tax upon the Clergy*. And again (more fully) we are told. 1. *That* (*l*) *the Clergy* OUGHT NOT *to relieve the* NECESSITIES *of Cities, or any other places; no, not even then when the Laicks are in want, unleſs the Pope be firſt conſulted.* 2. *That all Decrees and Conſtitutions of Laymen, laying ſuch Taxes upon the Clergy, are null, and never can be made obligatory.* 3. *All perſons Excommunicated for ſuch grievances laid upon the Clergy, and their* SUCCESSORS, *ſtand Excommunicated; unleſs they make ſatisfaction within a Month.* 4. *And they tell us, that all this is ſaid for a fuller declaration of the Law in this Caſe, that Novices may better underſtand it.* This is their

(*g*) Vid. Filliucium Quæſt. Moralium. Tractatu. 16. cap. 11. p. 325.

(*h*) Vid. cap. *non minus.* 4. & cap. *Adverſus.* 7. extra. De Immunitate Eccleſiarum.

(*i*) Panormitan ad dicta, cap. 4. & 7.

(*k*) Lemma ad dictum, c. 4.

(*l*) *Clerici non debent neceſſitatibus Civitatum aut aliorum locorum, etiam ubi laicorum non ſuppetunt facultates, ſubvenire* (this is highly uncharitable) *niſi prius Rom. Pontifex conſulatur. 2. Sententiæ & Conſtitutiones editæ à Laicis collectantibus Eccleſiam, ſunt ipſo jure* IRRITÆ, *nec ullo tempore convaleſcunt. 3. Rectores Excommunicati ob gravamina præmiſſa, remanent Excommunicati, etiam poſt depoſitum officium, & ſucceſſores, niſi ſatisfecerint intra menſem. Hac dicit ad majorem declarationem & pro Novitiis.* Lemma ad cap. *adverſus* 7. Extra. *De Immunitate Eccleſiarum.*

their *own* Expoſition of the *Canon*, in the *moſt* (m) *correct Body of their Canon-Law*; and they there tell us, that it is the *Canon* of a (n) *General Council*, and then (according to their Principles) infallibly true, and obligatory to all the Chriſtian World. So that by this Popiſh Law, if any Lay-men (the King and Parliament of *England*) lay *any Tax*, or (by a *Statute*) require any *Subſidy of Clergymen*, (though in the *Neceſſities* of the Kingdom) without the Popes leave; ſuch *Statute* is declared *Void and Null*, and *they* and *their Succeſſors* (unleſs ſatisfaction be made) *Excommunicate*. Nor is it only ſome *Inferior Magiſtrates* or Officers, who are thus Excommunicated; but all Perſons, (*a*) *CUJUSCUNQUE conditionis, Status aut* DIGNITATIS. And that we may know, that ſuch Excommunications are not a raſh and inconſiderate Act of *Urban the Fifth*, or ſome angry Pope, they have been, (for ſome Ages paſt) and ſtill are ſolemnly publiſh'd at *Rome*, every Year, in that famous and impious *Bulla Cœnæ Domini*, on *Maundy-Thurſday*. (Even on *that day*, in which our *Bleſſed Saviour Inſtituted* that *Cœna Domini*, as a Sacrament *of our Union with him*, by a lively Faith, and of the *Communion of all Chriſtians amongſt themſelves*, by an unfeigned *love and charity*. I ſay, on this day, the greateſt part of the Chriſtian World, are Anathematiz'd and Curs'd at *Rome*, by their Popes ſucceſſively, for no other reaſon but becauſe

(*m*) Vid. Corpus Juris Canonici Lugduni. Anno 1661.

(*n*) Dicto Cap. Adverſus 7. in Lemmate. Idem Innocentius. 3. in Concil. Generali. And the Note tells us, in Concil. Lateran. cap. 46.

(*a*) Ita Urbanus Papa 5. Conſtitut. 1. Edita Anno 1364. In Bullario Rom. Tom. 1. pag. 282. num. 1. 2. Edit. Lugduni. 1655.

becauſe they are *for the Truth of the Goſpel*, and againſt his (without any reaſon or ſenſe) Uſurp'd Greatneſs and Worldly Intereſt.) In *that Bull*, the *Anathema*, or *Papal Curſe* (Stilo Curiæ) is thus: (b) *We Excommunicate all, of what Dignity ſoever*, REGAL, IMPERIAL, DUCAL, &c. *who impoſe any Tax, Toll, or Preſtation upon any Eccleſiaſtiques, or receive any Taxes ſo impos'd, (though the Perſons on whom they are impoſed, would WILLINGLY pay them) without the ſpecial and EXPRESS LICENCE of the Pope.* Now although this (aforeſaid) were evidence enough to intitle the Church of *Rome* to ſuch deſperate Doctrine and Excommunications; yet we have further and greater evidence; I mean, their *Great Lateran* (c) *Council*, conſiſting of above 1200 Fathers, (ſuch as they were) Synodically (*d*) ratifying the ſame Doctrine: and all this expreſly confirmed by the (*e*) *Trent Council*; which tells us, That this *Immunity and Exemption of the Clergy*, is, *DEI ORDINATIONE & Canonicis Sanctionibus Conſtituta*; and therefore *Decrees and* (f) COMMANDS, That all the Sacred Canons, all *General Councils*, and all *Papal Conſtitutions*, in *favor of Eccleſiaſtical Perſons* and the *Liberties of the Church*, be (and *ought to be*) exactly *obſerved*; and that, as (g) *THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD*: and *admoniſheth* the EMPEROR, *KINGS* and *PRINCES*, &c. and *obliges*

(b) *Qui Collectas, Tallias, præſtantias, & alia onera perſonis Eccleſiaſticis, & eorum, Eccleſiarum, & Beneficiorum Eccleſiaſticorum bonis, illorumque redditibus — abſque Romani Pontificis expreſſa licentiâ imponunt; aut ſic impoſita, ETIAM A SPONTE DANTIBUS, recipiunt. Necnon qui per ſe, vel alios directe vel indirecte prædicta facere, exequi vel procurare non verentur, CUJUSCUNQUE ſint præeminentiæ, dignitatis, &c. etiamſi IMPERIALI, REGALI, &c. præfulgeant dignitate, &c.* They are all Excommunicated every year in that *Bulla Cœnæ*. Vid. *Bullam Alexandri Papæ 7.* ſeu Conſtitut. ejus 16. In Bullario Rom. Tom. 5. data erat Bulla dicta, Idib. April 1656. & Bullam *Clementis Papæ* 10. dat. Rom. 7. Cal. April. Anno 1671. Ejuſdem Bullarii Tom. 5. Conſtitut. Clement. 10. 34. and in both thoſe Bulls, Sect. 18.

(*c*) Concil. Lateran. ſub Innocentio Papa 3. Ann. 1215. Can. 46.

(*d*) Concil. Lateran. magnum ſub Innocentio 3. Anno 1215. Can. 46.

(*e*) Seſſ. 25. cap. 20. *De Immunitate Eccleſiarum.*

(f) *Decernit ac PRÆCIPIT ſacros Canones, & Concilia Generalia OMNIA, & APOSTOLICAS ſanctiones — EXACTE ab OMNIBUS obſervari DEBERE.* Ibid.

(g) *Tanquam DEI PRÆCEPTA.* Ibidem.

obliges them to ſuch Obſervation. Nor is the *Trent Council* content with this; but (*h*) requires her Eccleſiaſtiques (and many more, of which anon) to (i) *PROMISE, SWEAR and VOW, firmly* (and without *all doubting*) to *believe* all the *Canons and Councils* beforementioned, (eſpecially the *Decrees of the Trent Fathers.*) By the Premiſes, I think it evident; that (by the (*k*) *approved Doctrine* and Principles of the Roman Church) no *Kings, Princes or Parliaments*, nor any *LAYMEN*, (how many or great ſoever) can lay any Tax upon Eccleſiaſtiques, (no not in the greateſt Neceſſity and Poverty of the Lay-Subjects) without expreſs leave firſt had from the Pope. Now whether this Popiſh Doctrine, (if approved and believed) be not very dangerous and pernicious, (eſpecially to Proteſtant Princes) do you judge. Nor is this all; for,

(*h*) Concil. Trident. in forma Profeſſionis Fidei, in calce Seſſ. 25.

(i) *Promitto, Voveo, Juro.* Ibid.

(*k*) How dear this Doctrine of the Exemption of Eccleſiaſtical Perſons from the Power of Laymen to Tax them, &c. is at *Rome*, appears by the *Index Expurgatorius* of Pope *Alexander* the Seventh, Edit. Romæ 1667. pag. 8. where the Command is——*Expurgandæ ſunt OMNES Propoſitiones contra libertatem, Immunitatem, & Juriſdictionem Eccleſiaſticam.*

4. Their approved and *received Popiſh Principles*, do not only free them, from *taking Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy*, and *their Eſtates* (I ſpeak of their Clergy) from *Taxes*, (unleſs the Pope conſent) but *their Perſons* alſo, (be their *Crimes never ſo great*) from *all Puniſhment* by *Kings, or any Lay-Court or Magiſtrate* of what State or Dignity ſoever. This is a manifeſt and *known Truth*, and needed no proof, were it not, *that ſome*, who have an *ungrounded*

ungrounded courage to *believe* such *Seditious Principles*, have also (when it makes for their Interest) a confidence to deny them. But, seeing some of the Popish Party do deny it, I shall endeavour to bring such Authentique and evident Proofs, as will (I hope) satisfie you, and might convince the Gainsayers (if they can and will impartially judge) of the Truth of the aforesaid Popish Position. The Proofs I mean, shall be drawn from the clear Testimonies of their own eminent and learned Writers, their Canon-Laws, approved and received in and by their Church, their Popes Decretals, and their own General Councils. And here,

1. An eminent *Popish* (a) *Casuist* tells us, *That ALL MAGISTRATES whoever they be, (Kings and Princes not excepted) who interpose in Judicature, against Ecclesiastical Persons, in ANY CRIMINAL CAUSE, whether it be MURDER, or HIGH TREASON,* are to be Excommunicated. And this he proves out of their *Canon* (b) *Law*, and the Constitution of Pope *Innocent the Second*, in a (c) General Council, own'd and approved by them.

2. We have a Canon of a Council at *Paris*, referr'd into the Body of their Law, publish'd by the Authority of Pope *Gregory the Ninth*, which

(a) *Excommunicantur QUICUNQUE Magistratus, qui contra PERSONAS ECCLESIASTICAS se interponunt in QUACUNQUE causa criminali, sive HOMICIDII. sive LÆSÆ MAJESTATIS.* Filliucius Moral. Quæst. Tractatu, 16. cap. 11. Sect. 307. 309.

(b) Can. *Si quis suadente.* 22. Caus. 17. Quæst. 4.

(c) Concil. Lateran. 2 sub Innocentio. 2 Can. 15.

which determines the case thus (d) *No SECULAR JUDGE may distrain or condemn ANY CLERGY-MAN, without the PERMISSION of the POPE: and if he do, he is to be excommunicate; and to continue so, till he acknowledge and mend his fault.* You see this Seditious Popish doctrine is established by the *Council of Paris*, and the *General Council* in the *Lateran:* and by 3 *Popes* (*Innocent the Second, Gregory the Ninth, and* (e) *Gregory the Thirteenth*) and so *must be* the *Doctrine of* the *Roman-Church.* For it is Law with them; (f) *That NO MAN must be permitted to RETRACT, or QUESTION any Papal Sentence.* And their Law says further; (g) *That ALL the Popes Decrees are IRREFRAGABLY to be observed; and that so far, and undoubtedly, as if St.* Peter *had confirm'd them with his own mouth:* and *Gratian* cites Pope *Agatho* for it.

(d) Cap. *Nullus Judicum* 2. Extra. *De foro competenti: Judex SECULARIS, si Clericum per se distrinxit, vel condemnat, excommunicari debet.* That's the Lemma to the Chapter in which 'tis more fully expres'd.

(e) In his Bull approving and confirming the Canon-Law. Dat. Romæ 1 Julii, 1580.

(f) *NEMINI permissum est de eo quod PAPA STATUIT JUDICARE, vel sententiam ejus retractare.* So Pope *Nicolas* tells us in Gratian. Can. *Nemini* 3. Caus. 17. Quæst. 4.

(g) *Omnes sanctiones Apostolicæ sedis irrefragabiliter sunt observandæ.* That's the Lemma or Title, and the Canon follows---- *Sic omnes Apostolicæ sedis sanctiones accipiendæ sunt, tanquam ipsius DIVINI PETRI VOCE FIRMATÆ.* Can. *Sic omnes.* 2. Dist. 19.

3. Nay further, all *Secular Magistrates*, are (at *Rome*) *every year, solemnly Anathematiz'd* and *curs'd*; (h) *who call any Ecclesiastical persons to their Tribunals, Courts, Chancellaries, Councils, Parliaments*, &c. *or any way molest them directly or indirectly*; for it is but six or seven years since Pope *Clement* the Tenth did solemnly curse *all secular Magistrates* and *all Courts* (even *Parliaments*) who should any way *trouble the Clergy*, or *punish*, or *take any cognizance of their crimes.* So that by this Popish Doctrine, our gratious King, his great Council (the Parliament) and all our Courts in *Westminster*, stand

(h) *Qui personas Ecclesiasticas ad suum Tribunal, Audientiam, Cancellariam, PARLIAMENTUM, Consilium*, &c. *trahant, aut trahi faciant directè vel indirectè carcerando, vel molestando*, &c. Vide Bullam Clementis Papæ 10. Dat. Romæ 3 April 1671. In Bullario Romano. Lugd. 1673. Tom. 5. pag. 530. Sect. 14, 15, 16.

now accurſed, and (till they become Papiſts and Slaves to the Pope, which curſed day, I hope will never come) that curſe will be continued, and every year ſolemnly and impiouſly renewed; and I am perſwaded that a greater curſe cannot befal this Nation, than that which will procure a Popes abſolution, and free us from his Curſe.

4. In a word, the *Trent* (*i*) Council publickly maintains this erronious and impious doctrine, of the exemption of their Clergy and Eccleſiaſtiques, from the Juriſdiction of all Secular powers; The *greater Crimes of the Biſhops*, (ſay the Trent-Fathers, in the *place* (a) *now* cited) can be examin'd and puniſh'd *ONELY BY THE POPE*; and their leſſer crimes, *ONELY BY THE COUNCIL of Biſhops*. No lay-Judge or Judicature how great ſoever, (nor Kings, nor Parliaments) muſt meddle with them; they may ſecurely ſin, and need not fear any puniſhment by any Secular power. How dangerous and pernicious this muſt needs be to all Secular ſupreme powers, let the world judge. Certainly (upon theſe Popiſh principles) all the Clergy muſt and will much rather fear and obey the Pope who can, than their Princes, who (by their principles) have no power to puniſh them. But this is not all; for (to omit all other) there is one pernicious Popiſh principle more, not yet mention'd, which abſolutely abrogates and deprives Princes and Kings

(*i*) *Cauſæ criminales graviores contra Epiſcopos, ab ipſo TANTUM Rom. Pontifice cognoſcantur, ac terminentur; & minores, in Concilio TANTUM Provinciali cognoſcantur & terminentur.* Concil. Trident. Seſſ. 24. De Reformat. cap. 5. & Seſſ. 13. De Reformat. cap. 8.

(*a*) And all their Eccleſiaſtiques do promiſe, vow and alſo ſwear, that they will firmly believe and profeſs all that the Canons and Councils have declared concerning theſe exemptions——*OMNIA à Sacris Canonibus & Oecumenicis Conciliis, & præcipue à Sancta Synodo Tridentina definita, indubitanter recipere ac profiteri ſpondeo, VOVEO, JURO.* In formâ juramenti profeſſionis fidei, in Bulla Pii Papæ 4. in calce Seſſ. 25. Concil. Tridentin.

Kings of all their Regal power, as to the Clergy. For,

Lastly, It is a constantly approved and received Doctrine at *Rome*, (though evidently impious and traiterous) That *the Clergy and Ecclesiastiques, are NONE OF THE KINGS SUBJECTS.* If this be *not true*, (as sure enough it is not) then their *Popish Canons* are *erroneous*, (as you shall see anon) and their *General Councils* and *Popes*, so far from being *infallible*, that they are *actually and evidently false:* For both their *Canon-law*, their *Councils*, (even *General ones*) and their *Popes* in their *Decretal Epistles* (as by the following Testimonies will appear) have *approved, received*, and by *their authority* (so far as they are able) *establish'd* and *confirm'd* this *rebellious* and *Popish principle.* But (on the other side) if they approve and acknowledge *this Principle* to be true, (as constantly they do) then they approve a Doctrine which is not onely dangerous, but pernicious to Princes, which dethrones and unkings them, (as to all their Clergy and Ecclesiastiques:) for if they be not Subjects to any Secular Prince, then it is evident, that no such Prince can be their King; it being impossible, that any man should be King of such persons, who are none of his Subjects. And although this Popish principle be erroneous and traiterous, against the light of Nature and Scripture, Reason and Revelation; yet 'tis not all. For they do not only say, *that*

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1. In the Body of their Canon-Law, of their most *correct* (*b*) *Editions*, and (as such) publish'd by the Authority of *Gregory* the thirteenth; we finde these words (*c*) *The EMPIRE IS NOT SUPERIOR, but SUBJECT to the PRIESTHOOD.* And it there follows immediately (*d*) *THE BISHOP OUGHT NOT TO BE SUBJECT, BUT SUPERIOR TO PRINCES.* And that all may take notice of this Popish Position, it is there added (*e*) *Pope Innocent the third says this, and it is FIT TO BE ALLEDG'D MUCH* (for the Popes Supremacy he means.) And indeed Pope *Innocent* says that, and much more, in that *Decretal* (*f*) *Epistle*; some of the words are in the margent. And all this, in their approved Editions of their Canon-Law (*g*) *old* and (*h*) *new*. *Panormitan* (their great Canonist) is more (*i*) *expres* and *full* to our purpose. The sum of what he says (as the Author of the (*k*) Summaries prefix'd to that Chapter tells us) is this, (*l*) 1. *The Emperor is SUBJECT to, and BOUND TO OBEY THE PRIEST.* 2. *The*

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(*f*) *Præcellit Imperator illos QUANTAXAT, qui ab eo recipiunt temporalia---Super bonos & malos, gladii accepit potestatem Imperator; sed in eos SOLUMMODO, qui utentes gladio, sunt ejus jurisdictioni Commissi----De sacerdotali prosapia dictum est, non DE REGIA STIRPE, Constitui te super gentes & REGNA; ut EVELLAS, DISSIPES,* &c. dicto Cap. *Solicitæ.* 6. Extra. De Majorit. & Obedientiâ.

(*g*) Corpus Juris Canonici. Paris 1520. Antverp. An. 1570.

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Pope Martins Decretal was not before:) The Lemma, or *Title* to the Chapter before cited, is this (*f*) .....*Lay-men have NO POWER OVER CLERGY-MEN*,&c. And the Decretal it ſelf ſays (*g*) .....*That LAY-MEN have NO AUTHORITY over the Clergy, ECCLESIASTICAL PERSONS, or their GOODS.* Pope *Urban the ſixth* has the *very ſame* (*h*) *words*,*approves*,and (by his Papal Authority) confirms them; and declares *all Lay-men* (of (*i*) *what eminence ſoever*) who exerciſe *any juriſdiction* over *Eccleſiaſtiques*, (*k*) *Sacrilegious*, and *Excommunicates* them, and all whoever aſſiſt, abett, or defend them.

(*f*) *Laicis in Clericos NULLA POTESTAS, &c.* Lemma ad dictum Caput.

(*g*) *Non attendentes, quod LAICIS in CLERICOS, ECCLESIASTICAS perſonas, aut EORUM BONA, NULLA ſit attributa POTESTAS.* Ibid. Capite dicto.

(*h*) Cap. Quia 2. De foro competenti. in 7.

(*i*) *Cujuſcunque præeminentiæ, dignitatis, ſtatus, aut conditionis exiſtant.* Ibidem.

(*k*) *Principes, Marchiones, Duces*, &c. *non poſſunt ſine culpa SACRILEGII, Clericos bannire aut relegare.* Ibid.

3. Cardinal *Cajetan*, who (his great Learning, and eminent place in Government of that Church conſidered)could *not be ignorant* what *Poſitions were approved* at *Rome*, tells us (*l*) .....*That the Perſon of EVERY CLERGIMAN, was SACRED thus far, that he COULD NOT BE SUBJECT to any SECULAR POWER.*

(*l*) *Perſona CUJUSLIBET CLERICI eſt SANCTA quoad hoc, quod NON POTEST SUBJICI POTESTATI SECULARI; & is qui contrarium faciat, SACRILEGUS eſt.* Cajetan. in Aquinat. 2. 2. Qnæſt. 99. Art. 3. Sect. ad. 5. dubium. And much more to the ſame purpoſe, we have in thoſe 2 Titles. 1. De foro competenti; and 2. De Invaſoribus bonorum Eccleſiæ in 7. Decretalium.

4. Nay, a whole Learned Colledge aſſures us, of the truth of the 3 Propoſitions. 1. *KINGS* (*m*) *have NO COACTIVE POWER over ECCLESIASTICKS.* 2. *ECCLESIASTICKS cannot be ſued, or call'd to an account, before any, ſave onely THEIR ECCLESIASTICAL Superior.* 3. *The EXEMPTION of the Clergy, is IN THE JUDGMENT OF ALL* (all Papiſts

(*m*) 1. *Reges non habent poteſtatem coactivam in Eccleſiaſticos.* 2. *Eccleſiaſtici non poſſunt conveniri, niſi coram ſuperiori ſuo Eccleſiaſtico.* 3. *EXEMPTIO CLERICORUM, eſt ex OMNIUM SENTENTIA, de Jure DIVINO, ita ut à poteſtatibus ſecularibus ETIAM SUPREMIS, judicari aut condemnari nequeant.* Vid. Collegii Bononienſis Reſponſum pro libertate Eccleſ. Bonon. 1607. Sect. 21. 46, &c.

Papists they mean) *of DIVINE RIGHT*; *so that they cannot be JUDG'D, or PUNISH'D by any SECULAR, no NOT SUPREME POWERS.* And here I desire you to consider; (what the Colledge of *Bononia* here affirms) that the Ecclesiastiques (Secular and Regular) are, in the opinion of *ALL ROMAN-CATHOLIQUES, by the LAW OF GOD*, so (*) exempted from the Jurisdiction of all Secular, (even *SUPREME*) *POWERS*, that they can *neither Judge*, nor *punish them.* Whence it evidently follows, 1. That the *Popish Clergy*, where-ever they are (especially in *England*, and *Protestant* Kingdoms) are *no Subjects of that King*, in whose *dominions they live*, because *they are (by the Law of God) exempt* from *all Secular Jurisdiction*: It being a contradiction to say, that any Man is a King in respect of those, over whom he has no Jurisdiction. And, 2. It follows, that this *impious and traiterous Doctrine* and *Position*, is not the *opinion of some one*, or a *few private persons*, but of *ALL ROMAN-CATHOLIQUES*; and so of their Popish Church; and then their Church (by their own Confession) *is guilty* of maintaining and approving such *dangerous*, and to *all* (especially *Protestant*) *Kings*, *Pernicious Principles.* Q. E. D.

(*) Vid. cap. *Et quia* 4. extra. De foro competenti. in 7. where the Title, or Lemma, is this------*Constitutiones editæ contra Principes Seculares, Jurisdictionis Ecclesiasticæ libertatem impedientes, Innovantur.* And in the Chapter, it is declared; 1. *Quod Laicis in Clericos, & personas Ecclesiasticas, & bona Ecclesiastica, non est attributa potestas.* 2. And then it follows----------*REGES, DUCES, MARCHIONES*, &c. in virtute Sanctæ *OBEDIENTIÆ MANDANTES, ut ipsi constitutiones prædictas observent------Si Dei offensam, & SEDIS APOSTOLICÆ vitare voluerint VLTIONEM.* Kings cannot meddle with any Ecclesiastical Persons; if they do, they offend God, and shall be punish'd by the Pope: that is, Excommunicated. So says the Pope, and his Lateran Council, Cap. 2. *De Invasor. & Occup. Bon. Ecclesiæ*, in 7. Decretalium.

5. But we have greater Authority (than that of the Colledge of *Bononia*) to manifest the truth of what we say, when we accuse the Popish

pish Church for approving and maintaining this impious and pernicious Doctrine; *That their Ecclesiastiques are not the Kings Subjects.* I mean the Inquisitors of (*a*) *Spain* and (*b*) *Portugal*, &c. who finding in the Index of *Chrysostome*, (*c*) words expressing this proposition (*d*) *PRIESTS, BY THE LAW OF GOD, ARE SUBJECT TO PRINCES*; they (knowing *that Position* to be *inconsistent* with the *Exemptions* of their Popish Clergy) *damn* that Proposition, and command it to be blotted out: *Deleantur illa verba* (say they) though *Chrysostome* say the very *same thing*, in the *place to which the Index refers.* Now it is evident, that they who damn this Proposition (as erronious) *PRIESTS by the Law of God, are subject to Princes*; must (of necessity) approve and affirm the contradictory; *That Priests, by the Law of God ARE NOT subject to Princes*: which is that rebellious Position, with which the Church of *Rome* is justly charged.

(*a*) Index Expurgatorius Hispanicus, Madriti, Anno 1667. in Johanne Chrysost. pag. 703.
(*b*) Index Expurg. Lusitan. Olysip. 1624. pag. 753.
(*c*) Edit. Basil. 1558.
(*d*) *Sacerdotes etiam Principibus Jure Divino subditi.*

6. *Lastly*, the principal Authorities I have brought to prove this (or any of the former Rebellious Doctrines charg'd on the Church of *Rome*) have been, 1. Their *approved*, and (by *Publick Authority* of *their Church*) received and *establish'd Laws.* 2. Their *Popes Bulls, Decretals and Constitutions.* 3. Or the *Canons of their Provincial, National, or General Councils:* All which are *approved, innovated*, and *confirm'd* expresly, in their *Trent* (*e*) Council,

(*e*) Concil. Trident. Sess. 25. De Reformat. Cap. 20. *Precipit sancta Synodus, Sacros CANONES, & Consilia Generalia OMNIA, necnon alias APOSTOLICAS SANCTIONES in favorem Ecclesiasticarum personarum, & libertatis Ecclesiasticæ; & contra ejus Violatores editos, quæ OMNIA præsenti Decreto INNOVAT, EXACTE ab OMNIBUS observari debere.*

cil, (as was before mentioned) and all their (*f*) *Secular Clergy*, all who have any *Cure of Souls*, the *chief* of their *Regulars*, (*g*) *all Graduates, Professors and Readers in their Universities*, (*h*) all *Physitians*, &c. *are solemnly* (*i*) *sworn to approve, receive, and (without all doubting) to profess all those Canons and Papal Constitutions, and, to Anathematize, Reject, and Curse all contrary Opinions, and to endeavour (as much as in them lies) that all committed to their care, shall constantly hold and teach the same.*

(*f*) Vide Bullam Pii.4. super formâ Juramenti Professionis fidei, in calce Sess.25. Concilii Trident. datam Romæ. Id. Nov. 1564.

(*g*) Vid. Bullam Pii.4. Extra *De Magistris & Doctoribus*, cap. *In sacrosancta*. 2. In septimo.

(*h*) Vid. Bullam Pii Papæ 5. Extra *De Medicis*, cap. supra gregem. 1. Decret. 7.

(*i*) Vide dictam Pii.4. Bullam, super forma Juramenti Profess. fidei, & Concil. Trident. Sess. 25. & 24. De Reformat. cap. 12. *Item OMNIA à sacris Canonibus, & Oecumenicis Conciliis, ac præsertim à Sacrosancta Synodo Trident. definita, INDUBITANTER recipio ac profiteor, ac CONTRARIA OMNIA rejicio ac Anathematizo, ac à meis subditis, vel illis, quorum cura ad me spectat, teneri, doceri, & prædicari (quantum in me est) curabo.* Verba sunt dictæ Bullæ Pii Papæ.4

The Premises impartially consider'd, I think two things may, and will evidently follow:

1. That the *Principles and Positions* before mention'd, are not only *dangerous*, but *pernicious* to all *Supreme Powers*; (especially to *Protestant Kings and Princes*) and that in one thing omitted before; that is; That *Faith is not to be kept with Heretiques*, but that any competent *Ecclesiastical Judge*, may *condemn*, and *execute Heretiques*, (or those who are *reputed* such) notwithstanding *any SAFE CONDUCT given them, BY THE EMPEROR, KINGS, or SECULAR PRINCES, though confirm'd by OATH*; and this impious, and (to Supreme Powers) *pernicious Doctrine*, *approved*, and *publickly declared* and *profess'd*; not only by particular, and *private persons*, but by their *own General* (k) *Council of Constance:* which *condemn'd* (l) and executed *Jerome of Pragne*, and *John Hus*, not-

(k) *Quod non obstantibus salvis Conductibus IMPERATORIS, REGUM, & SECULI PRINCIPUM, QUOCUNQUE VINCULO SE OBSTRINXERINT, possit per Judicem competentem de Hæreticâ pravitate inquiri, &c.* Concil. Constantiens. Sess. 19.

(*l*) Consil. Constant. Sess. 21. damnatio Hieronymi Pragensis Sess. 45. damnatio Johan. Hus.

withstanding the Emperors Safe Conduct, without which they would not have come to that Council. To which we may add, that those *Fathers of Constance* (it will highly concern *Protestant Princes* to *consider it*) Synodically define, and *declare*, That *all Heretiques*, (that is all they call, and commonly miscal Heretiques) all their *defendors*, or *favourers*, &c. of what *dignity soever*, (l) (*Kings*, and *Queens*, and *Dukes*, &c.) shall be Excommunicated and deprived of all their Goods, and Secular Dignities. This (*in Thesi*) is *their impious Doctrine* and *Principle*; and (*in Praxi*) they are now endeavouring to put it in execution here in *England*; as evidently appears by their Popish and Hellish Conspiracy, by the Gracious and Powerful Providence of Heaven, lately and happily discovered. I take it then to be evident, that the aforesaid Popish Doctrines and Principles are exceeding dangerous, and to all Supreme Powers (especially Protestant Kings and Princes) pernicious.

(l) *OMNES & singulos Haereticos, nec non eorum sectatores utriusque sexus; & etiam defendentes eosdem, vel ipsis quomodolibet, publicè vel occultè participantes; etiamsi REGALI, REGINALI, DUCALI aut alia QUAVIS DIGNITATE Ecclesiasticâ aut mundana praefulgeant:—per Excommunicationis, & PRIVATIONIS bonorum ac dignitatum secularium, & alias paenas etiam per captiones & INCARCERATIONES puniantur.* Concil. Constantienf. Sess. 45.

2. And from the Premises, it will as evidently follow, that the aforesaid Popish Principles, are not the private Opinions of some particular Persons only: seeing, 1. They are profess'd and vindicated by the Jesuites, Canonists, and generally by other *great Writers* of that *Church*, in their Books publish'd with the *Approbation* and *Commendation* of *Authority*. 2. *Establish'd* in their approved and *received Canon-Law*. 3. In the *Authentick Decretal* Epistles, and *Papal Constitutions*.

tions. 4. In their *General Councils*; those (I mean) which they acknowledge to be General. 5. And (to say no more) all their Clergy and Ecclesiastiques, (who have *place in those Councils*) have taken a *Solemn Oath* to maintain *all those Canons*, and *Papal Constitutions*; and this Oath required and taken by the Authority and Command of the (*a*) *Council of Trent*, and the (*b*) *Pope*; who is acknowledged to be their (*c*) Supreme Judge, and (since the Councils of *Pisa*, *Constance* and *Basil*, declared by Pope *Leo the Tenth*, and his *Lateran Council*, (which they account a General Council) to be above all *General Councils*: and this Declaration (that all might know it is Law and Obligatory) has lately been (*d*) *referr'd into the Body of their Canon-Law.* Now these things being undeniably true, that their Popes and General Councils (the Supreme Authority of their Church) have approved and received the aforesaid Principles and Positions, and caused their Ecclesiastiques solemnly to swear, That they do believe, and will constantly profess them, and (so far as they are able) make all committed to their charge, do so too; it evidently follows, that they are *Roman-Catholick Doctrines*, own'd and approved by *their Church*, and not only by private and particular persons. So that if any (who knows, and has impartially considered the Premises) deny it; I shall not call him Impudent, but I may (and must) say, he has a hard Forehead, and a little thing will not make him blush.

(*a*) Vide Concil. Trident. Sess. 24. Cap. 12. de Reformat. & Annotat. Joh. Sotealli Theologi, & Horatii Lutii, Jurisconsulti, ad caput dictum in Edit. dicti Concilii Antverp. 1596. aliisque nuperis.

(*b*) In Bulla Pii Papæ 4. super forma Juramenti professionis Fidei, Romæ. 1564.

(*c*) Concil. Florent. Decreto. 4. apud Longum à Coriolano, pag. 886.

(*d*) Cap. *Pastor.* 1. Extra *De Concilio*, in Septimo. And in the same place, Cap. *Sicut.* 3. and Cap. *Benedictus.* 4. The same Doctrine is confirmed by Pope *Pius.* 4.

To

To conclude; If that Priest, or Popish Gentleman, (you mention) who so confidently denies the Church of *Rome* to approve such Principles, as I have laid to her charge; can (as to the sum and substance of the Testimonies here cited; for I neither need, nor will undertake for every particular Circumstance, or Typographical Error) either shew,

1. That I have *misquoted* the Authors and Books I cite, and that such Passages do not occur in the places quoted.

2. Or (if they do occur) that I have *mistook their meaning*, as to the purposes for which they are produc'd.

3. Or (if neither of these can be shown) if he can make it appear, that the Church of *Rome* has (by any publick Act or Declaration) disown'd such pernicious Principles and Positions, and damn'd them as erroneous, and (what they really are) impious: I do hereby promise him, that I will be (what I hope I never shall be) one of the worst sort of Christians in the World, I mean a Roman-Catholique. Farewel.

Your Faithful Friend,

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